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Consider Aadhaar, EPIC, ration card as proof: SC

Hearing petitions against the special intensive revision of the voter list in Bihar, court says issue goes to very roots of democracy, and list of 11 documents for voter verification is not exhaustive

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday asked the Election Commission (EC) to consider Aadhaar, elector photo identity card (EPIC), and ration card as proof for voter registration in the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in Bihar.

The court referred to the EC's submission that its list of 11 documents for verification of voters was not "exhaustive". "Therefore, in our *prima facie* view, since the list [of documents] is not exhaustive, it would be in the interest of justice if the EC would also consider the following documents, Aadhaar, EPIC, issued by the EC itself, and ration card," the court dictated in its order.

SIR in top court

The Supreme Court will take up for further hearing on **July 28** the case against the special intensive revision of the electoral rolls in Bihar

1 What the court will focus on: **Election Commission's power to undertake the exercise**; the manner in which it is conducted; and the **chosen timing** just months ahead of the Assembly election

2 **Court finds the revision nebulous** — neither 'summary' nor 'special' as defined under Section 21 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950

3 Petitioners call it **'citizenship screening' of vulnerable groups under the guise of voter registration;** Election Commission has no jurisdiction to ascertain citizenship

> The Aadhaar Act clearly says it is not proof of citizenship. The EC cannot exalt the status of the Aadhaar. – EC

> If I want a caste certificate, I show my Aadhaar. A document like Aadhaar, considered basic for getting other documents, is not part of the 11 documents? The entire exercise of SIR is about identity only.
> JUSTICE SUDHANSHU DHULIA

No stay

A Bench of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Joymalya Bagchi allowed the SIR in Bihar to "go on". It did not pass any interim order of stay. The court listed the case for further hearing on July 28, prior to the publication of the draft electoral rolls in August.

The court said its judicial review of the SIR would focus on the EC's power to undertake the exercise, the manner in which it was conducted, and the chosen timing, which, it described as "very short". It noted that the revision in Bihar appeared nebulous – neither "summary" nor "special" as defined under Section 21 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

"This issue is very important. It goes to the very roots of our democracy. It is about the right to vote," Justice Dhulia observed.

The EC objected to Aadhaar, stating it was a document for identity verification and not proof of citizenship. Aadhaar, it said, was also issued to non-citizens who were ordinarily resident at a place.

"The Aadhaar Act clearly says it is not proof of citizenship. The EC cannot exalt the status of the Aadhaar," senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the commission, submitted.

Justice Dhulia, however, remarked that Aadhaar was one of the primary identity documents, and the SIR was about establishing identity. "If I want a caste certificate, I show my Aadhaar. A document like Aadhaar, considered basic for getting other documents, is not part of the 11 documents? Caste certificate is one of the documents among the 11, but not Aadhaar? The entire exercise of SIR is about identity only. You want to know whether this person is A or B," he said.

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Indian team for U.S. again to seek clarity on tariffs

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

An Indian team of trade negotiators will soon be travelling to the U.S. once again, to seek clarity on several recent announcements from Washington, including a proposed 10% tariff on imports from BRICS countries, as well as to continue negotiations for a "mini" trade deal and a wider bilateral investment treaty.

According to sources and trade experts, the prospect of an added tax on all BRICS members – apart from the tariffs mentioned in U.S. President Donald Trump's letters already sent to several BRICS countries – calls into question the sanctity of any trade deal with the U.S.

Mr. Trump first raised the spectre of a tariff on BRICS countries last Sunday, and then doubled down on it during a Cabinet briefing on Tuesday. "Anybody that's in BRICS is getting a 10% charge pretty soon... If they're a member of BRICS, they're going to have to pay a 10% tariff."

Tariff letters

His announcement came a day after he sent letters to 14 countries reimposing higher tariffs on them effective from August 1. Then, on Wednesday, he sent similar letters to eight more countries.

The recipients of these letters include three BRICS countries – Brazil, South Africa, and Indonesia. Mr. Trump's threat of a BRICS tariff is, therefore, causing some confusion among Indian policymakers.

In its letters, the U.S. threatened to impose import tariffs of 50% on Brazil, 30% on South Africa, and 32% on Indonesia.

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Will be CM for five-year term: Siddaramaiah

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In a clear message to the Congress high command, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday said that he will remain in the post for the full five-year term and debunked any speculation about leadership change. » Page 10

BBMP calls for tenders to feed 4,000 stray dogs

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The BBMP has floated a one-year tender where contractors will have to feed stray dogs one meal a day at around 100 spots selected by the civic body. » Page 5

Trader gets threat call from alleged gangster

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A city-based businessman has lodged a complaint with the police over an extortion threat call he got from a man claiming to be gangster Lawrence Bishnoi. » Page 6

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In the air... Smith watches Pant's bat take a skywalk during the second Test in Edgbaston. Both wicketkeepers have been in terrific form in the series. GETTY IMAGES

Keeping up the good work: Pant and Smith display their batting prowess

The India and England glovemen smashed sublime centuries in the first two Tests of a five-match affair; with Pant batting at No. 5 and Smith also looking capable of slotting into the middle-order in the future, they are well-placed to contribute to the evolution of the wicketkeeper-batter's role in Test cricket

Vivek Krishnan

It is day three of the Edgbaston Test. England has just lost its best batter and charismatic captain off successive deliveries in the second over of the day, and Mohammed Siraj, relishing the responsibility of being the spearhead in Jasprit Bumrah's absence, is on a hat-trick. The score reads 84 for five; three of the host's top-six batters have fallen for a blob, and the deficit is a mammoth 503 runs.

Next delivery, Siraj pitches the ball up just outside the off-stump, hoping to exploit the incoming batter's tentativeness and perhaps induce the outside edge for the catching cordon behind the wicket to snaffle.

Another scalp would not just give Siraj three in three but also virtually leave England with no route back into the contest.

How does Jamie Smith respond? By taking a decisive forward stride and drilling an authoritative drive past mid-off to get off the mark with a boundary. "What was all the fuss about?" he may have wondered.

It was an astonishing beginning to a truly astonishing innings that underlined why English cricket is bristling with excitement about the 24-year-old wicketkeeper-batter from Surrey. By the time the opening session of the third day came to a close, Smith had cantered to a breathtaking 102 off just 82 deliveries, coming ever so close to breaking a 123-year-old record, belonging to Gilbert Jessop who made a 76-ball ton against Australia at The Oval way back in 1902, for the fastest Test hundred by an Englishman. Smith got to the three-figure milestone off 80 deliveries with characteristic flourish as well, sweeping Ravindra Jadeja through midwicket for four in the penultimate over before lunch.

Smith would go on to finish unbeaten on 184 off 207 balls and surpass Alec Stewart's 173 versus New Zealand in Auckland in 1997 for the highest score by an England wicketkeeper in Tests. So sublime was his strokeplay and so rapid his rate of scoring that even Harry Brook, a generational talent who is averaging 59.52 after 27 Tests, was made to look a tad pedestrian at the other end whilst rollicking along to 158 off 234 deliveries.

As if this wasn't proof enough of his sheer class, Smith continued in the same vein in the second dig. Walking in at an almost identical total of 83 for five, he eased his way to a 99-ball 88, comprising nine fours and four sixes, to delay India's victory celebrations by a couple of hours. It took his tally for the match to 272 runs, whilst England's entire top six contributed a paltry sum of 310.

He appeared just as assured and unflustered as he had done first time around, never mind that England's Bazballers, set a colossal target of 608, were out of their comfort zone and battling for only their second draw in 38 Tests since the onset of this overtly gung-ho approach under skipper Ben Stokes and coach Brendon McCullum.

Between Smith's efforts across the two innings, his counterpart in the opposition, Rishabh Pant, produced pyrotechnics of his own. With India looking to ram home its dominance in the contest after securing an 180-run first-innings lead, the 27-year-old, with a mind and method that's unfathomable to the outside world, blazed away to 65 off 58 balls in an innings right out of the Pant playbook. Off his very first ball, he waltzed down the track, but Josh Tongue, cognizant of Pant's inimitable style and swagger, fired a full toss on his pads and got away with a dot ball. Three balls later, the southpaw would give Tongue the charge again and disdainfully deposit him into the stands over long-off for a maximum.

As injudicious as some of Pant's audacious shots may appear, there is obviously thought that goes into doing what he does. India batting coach Sitanshu Kotak offered some insight into what the maverick from Delhi is like behind the scenes.

"Rishabh actually talks a lot about what he does, when he does (it), why he does (it)," Kotak told the media at Lord's on Tuesday. "To me, he's spoken, but he's someone who doesn't like talking too much during his innings because he feels that that changes his mindset, and he takes the wrong decision. That's only when he's batting. Apart from that, he talks about other batters also, about himself also, and he does (properly plan) what he wants to do because it's not so easy to score Test hundreds or not so easy to be successful at this level without having any planning."

In the opening Test at Headingley, of course, Pant was irrepressible, walloping a century in both innings to become the first Indian batter to achieve the feat in England. After 45 Tests, he averages 44.45 with eight tons to his name – the most by an Indian wicketkeeper. That he is able to play a high-risk game and enjoy these returns at No. 5, as opposed to No. 7 where there is often greater liberty to attack, is all the more extraordinary.

Competition with Saha

It seems like an eternity ago now, but there were polarising views about Pant when he first joined the Test fold in 2018. Despite hitting a century at The Oval in just his third Test versus England, he spent the early phase largely in the shadow of Wriddhiman Saha. That he was a better batter than Saha was beyond contention, but the man from Bengal was as safe as houses with the mitts. He could glide across the turf like a gazelle, and pull off catches out of the top drawer against both pace and spin. Particularly on turning tracks at home, Saha's superior glovework was preferred to Pant's batting prowess.

But the tide turned for the latter in Australia in December 2020. With India getting bowled out for 36 in an eight-wicket drubbing in the first Test at Adelaide, where Saha was backed because of the difficulty of keeping to a pink ball moving under lights, the think-tank plumped for Pant in the next game at Melbourne to satisfy the need for greater batting heft. India won the Test comfortably, and then Pant unrolled epochal fourth-innings knocks in Sydney and Brisbane to clinch a second straight series win for India Down Under. There was no looking back.

Smith makes it count

Smith's rise in the England set-up, meanwhile, came at the start of the 2024 summer. For the first two years of the Bazball era, Stokes and McCullum were content with another Surrey man in Ben Foakes at No. 7. Although he did notch up two centuries in his 25 Tests, Foakes was in the team because of his exceptional ability behind the stumps. He delivered what was asked of him, but given England's unremitting emphasis on batting deep and aggressively, so much so that pitches in the Old Blighty have been designed to facilitate brisk run-making, the men who matter were understandably on the lookout for a more capable batter in that position. As we have found out since Smith's debut against West Indies last July, he fits the bill perfectly.

Such has been Smith's demeanour at the crease in the first two Tests that it only seems to be a matter of time before he is promoted in the batting order. An average of 58.64 in 12 Tests, although a small sample size, is remarkable after all. Particularly with Stokes out of touch at No. 6, there have already been suggestions from a few English pundits in the media that they should swap places. McCullum, it must be said, has ruled it out for the time being even though Smith bats at No. 4 for Surrey in the County Championship.

Evolution of the keeper-batter

On the evidence of these performances, both Pant and Smith are well-placed to make a significant impact in the evolution of the wicketkeeper's role. Until the mid-1990s, most designated glovemen were essentially expected to hold onto their chances in the field and assist the bowlers in taking 20 wickets. If they could chip in with a few runs, it was a welcome bonus.

But that changed to a large extent due to the trailblazing exploits of Adam Gilchrist. He came into an imposing Australian Test outfit in November 1999 following the retirement of Ian Healy, a formidable wicketkeeper, and instantly etched his imprint with his precious ability to plunder quick runs and demoralise attacks. It compelled other teams, routinely at the receiving end of Gilchrist's destructive brilliance, to start looking in a similar direction as well.

Gilchrist's 5570 runs in 96 Tests continue to be the most by a wicketkeeper in Test history. While he was the undisputed pioneer, equally instrumental in enhancing the importance of wicketkeepers who bat well were Andy Flower and Kumar Sangakkara. Though not in the same attacking mould as the Aussie, their insatiable hunger for runs and technical compactness meant they batted in the top five for a majority of their Test careers. Flower, rather remarkably, averaged 53.7 from 55 Tests for a middling Zimbabwe unit, stacking up 4404 runs including 12 centuries. When Pant hit twin tons at Headingley, he joined Flower in a select band as the only wicketkeepers to bring up three figures in both innings of a Test.

Sangakkara, too, thrived in both facets in the first eight years of his Test career for Sri Lanka. But eventually, his importance at No. 3 was such that he gave up the wicketkeeping duty to savour even better returns as a specialist batter.

Where Pant and Smith end up in the pantheon of great wicketkeeper-batters will make for a compelling watch over the course of the next decade. For now, just as compelling will be to view who among them hammers more runs in the next three Tests and takes their team over the line in a series that is delicately poised at 1-1.

THE GIST

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Bus priority lane to be resumed between Marathahalli and Silk Board junction in January

The Hindu Bureau
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To make a come back: The bus priority lane was discontinued after the BMRCL removed the bollards that marked the dedicated lane to make way for metro pillar construction. FILE PHOTO

Starting next January, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) will resume the bus priority lane between Marathahalli and Silk Board junction, announced corporation managing director Ramachandran R. on Thursday.

The bus priority lane was originally launched in 2019 between K.R. Puram and the Silk Board junction.

However, it was discontinued after BMRCL removed the bollards that marked the dedicated bus lane to make way for metro pillar construction. "Due to metro construction, we had to pause the bus priority lane. We will restart it in January," said Mr. Ramachandran. He was speaking at Enroute: Mobility-as-a-Service Challenge, organised by World Resources Institute, discussing how BMTC plans to collaborate with BMRCL to offer seamless commuting options in the city.

While he confirmed the lane's reinstatement, he did not specify whether the entire stretch would be reopened. The bus priority lane had gained significant popularity among daily commuters and faced considerable backlash when it was shut down.

Mr. Ramachandran also spoke about several new initiatives that BMTC is implementing, highlighting the organisation's shift toward a data-driven approach to enhance commuting experience. He said that BMTC is developing a digital transport infrastructure, introducing smart cards that will be compatible with electronic ticketing machines, along with smart Shakti cards."We are planning to install automatic passenger counting systems along with automatic fare collection systems to enable conductorless transit in the city," Mr. Ramachandran said. He noted that a major challenge over the next five years is managing the city's transport and traffic. "BMTC serves over 45 lakh passengers, and BMRCL sees around 8.5 lakh commuters daily, totalling approximately 55 lakh public transport users every day. The city's total population is about 1.5 crore," he said.

Drawing a comparison with Delhi, he noted that Delhi benefits from multiple transport options, including two corporations that run a total of 10,000 buses, in addition to metro and suburban transit routes. Bengaluru, in contrast, largely depends on BMTC and BMRCL, with BMTC operating a fleet of around 6,888 buses.

He acknowledged that Bengaluru needs a larger fleet to meet the rising demand. To address these gaps, BMTC has adopted a data-driven strategy. The goal is to use data to build a digital stack for transport and integrate all modes of transport, he said.

BMRCL, BMTC allow Namma Yatri, Tummoc users to coordinate rides

The apps will utilise real-time data from buses, metro trains operating on user's route to design a coordinated travel plan

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For seamless connectivity: A hindrance to develop this feature was that BMTC and BMRCL had not opened up their data, which has finally happened in the GTFS. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) and Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) have finally opened up their transport data empowering two apps Namma Yatri and Tummoc to allow its users seamless first- and last-mile connectivity for commuters. This has been a long standing demand for over a decade now.

With the addition of new features, users of both apps can now plan their entire journey and purchase a single ticket covering the complete trip. For instance, if a commuter needs to use all three modes of transport (bus, metro, and autorickshaw) they can plan the route using either application and buy just one ticket for the entire journey.

The apps utilise real-time data from buses and metro trains operating on the commuter's route to design a coordinated travel plan. Ideally, this allows commuters to access each mode of public transport immediately after deboarding the previous one, though actual timing may be affected by factors such as traffic.

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A hindrance to develop this feature was that BMTC and BMRCL had not opened up their data, which has finally happened in the General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS), a globally recognised open data standard for public transportation, which includes information on stops, routes, and schedules. So far, BMTC has been providing static data to the platform and plans to begin sharing real-time data soon.

Currently, Namma Yatri offers trip planning that integrates autorickshaw services with metro routes. Namma Yatri is yet to go live, while Tummoc has already started the services. Tummoc, in addition to similar features, also allows users to track the amount of carbon emissions they save by choosing public transport over private vehicles.

The development of these features follows Tummoc and Namma Yatri jointly winning a ₹30 lakh grant in August 2024, after emerging as winners of Enroute: A Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) Challenge, an initiative organised by WRI, Mercedes-Benz Research and Development India (MBRDI), and Villgro.

Priyank M. Kharge, Minister for Electronics, IT, BT, and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, emphasised the importance of such initiatives in addressing last-mile connectivity issues.

"In Bengaluru, we don't measure travel in kilometres; we measure it in hours. We acknowledge the problem and are committed to solving it," he said.

"Bengaluru is one of the fastest-growing cities in the world, with a 12% growth rate last year. Projections show we will grow by 8.5% annually over the next decade," he said, adding that the city loses an estimated ₹20,000 crore each year due to time wasted in traffic, which directly impacts productivity. In comparison, Mumbai and Delhi reportedly lose ₹40,000 crore and ₹60,000 crore annually, respectively, he claimed.

Mr. Kharge further noted that less than 50% of the city's population currently uses public transport, and the government's vision is to increase that number to 70% by 2030. Against this backdrop, he said, the launch of such integrated features marks a significant step towards encouraging wider adoption of public transportation.

Man held for shooting photos, videos of women sans consent and uploading them on social media

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Gurdeep Singh

The Banashankari police have arrested a 26-year-old hotel management graduate, for shooting pictures and videos of women walking on the streets of Bengaluru without their consent and posting it on an anonymous Instagram account called 'IndianWalk'. The account has 11,200 followers.

Based on a complaint by Praveen Hosur, PSI of social media monitoring cell, the police tracked down the accused identified as Gurdeep Singh, a resident of K.R. Puram, and arrested him. He has been booked for voyeurism and under the Information Technology Act, 2000.

The accused is unemployed and is living with his elder brother, the police said. He used to click pictures and shoot videos of women on the streets in an indecent manner and post it on Instagram. The police are in the process of taking down the page from Instagram.

The accused is said to have deleted all the posts from the page before the police arrested him. The police have also seized the accused's phone and have sent it to Forensic Science Laboratory, Madiwala for analysis. The accused used to operate the Instagram handle @Indianwalk1m and had uploaded 45 videos of women walking in public places depicting them indecently. This, according to the complaint, is to defame the women and is a violation of their privacy.

Similar case

It can be recalled that 27-year-old Diganth, working as an accountant at a private firm, was arrested in a similar case in May earlier this year. He had taken voyeuristic pictures and videos of women commuters on Namma Metro and had posted them on an anonymously-run Instagram page.

'It pains me deeply'

CM Siddaramaiah took to social media platform X to express his anguish at the incident. "It pains me deeply to see women being secretly filmed and harassed in public spaces, with such videos circulated online at the cost of women's dignity. This is not the Karnataka we stand for," he said.

Acknowledging the rising number of such incidents being reported of late, he said the Karnataka government had taken immediate action against the offenders and arrested them.

"To the women of our state: we stand with you. Your safety and dignity are our priority, and we will act firmly against such crimes," the CM added.

Mr. Siddaramaiah also urged citizens to immediately report such videos or online accounts to the cyber cell by calling 1930 or visiting cybercrime.gov.in.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by my client **Mrs. D. Tanuja,** W/o. Sri. S.Lakshminarayana, to the general public. That she has negotiated with Sri.Ganesh Kumar, S/o. Late K.N.Nag, the sole and absolute owner of the all that piece and parcel of the **Vacant Site Property bearing No.10 (Old No.11), presently bearing Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike E-Aasthi Khata Property New PID No. 9945984755, Property No. 11-10,** Chennamma Tank Bed Road, which is presently coming under revenue jurisdiction of Ward No.164-Vidyapeetha, BBMP, Bengaluru, which is morefully described in the **"Schedule Property".**

Further during the transit some of the original documents was lost and not traceable now by the owner. Hence, if any public finds the same, they are hereby informed to return it back to the owner. Hence this Publication. Further, if any individual or entity who has any right, title or objection is hereby notified to come forward or claim their rights by producing valid document or if any objections to be filed within 10 days from the date of Publication of this Notice. Non filing of such objection is considered as waver of rights by the objectors and have no right to claim subsequently.

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All the piece or parcel of Commercial Property Bearing BBMP Katha No 565, prior to this Nos 563, 564 and 565, together with building consisting of Ground Floor, 1ST Floor and 2ND Floor and Land Measuring total area is 227.7055 Sq.m or 282 Sq.yds. BBMP old PID No 28-2-265, New PID No 109-W0393-93-2, Avenue Road, Bangalore – 560002. Bounded By: EAST BY: Avenue Road, WEST BY: Property of the son's of Malkala Ayodhyarama Setty & Sons, NORTH BY: Ashoka Market, SOUTH BY: M K Market (Old Resham Market).

Schedule- B 1: (Details of the mortgaged properties of Borrower)

All the piece or parcel of Commercial Shop Property situated at, PID No : 28 – 2 – 565 / 4 Shop No 3 in Ground Floor, BBMP Khatha No 565 (earlier Khatha No 563, 564, 565) situated at Anandaram Complex, Avenue Road, Bangalore – 560002. Admeasuring 127 Sqft of Super built up area and 45.85 Sqft of undivided share in the land. In the Schedule – A property together with separate electricity, common water and sanitation and including all easementary rights, title, interest, privileges and appurtenances. Bounded by : EAST BY: Shop no 1 and 2, WEST BY: Staircase, NORTH BY: Ashoka Market, SOUTH BY: Commercial complex common passage.

Schedule- B 2: All the piece or parcel of Commercial Shop Property situated at PID No : 28 – 2 – 565 / 5, Shop No 4 in Ground Floor, BBMP Khatha No 565 (earlier Khatha No 563, 564, 565) situated at Anandaram Complex, Avenue Road, Bangalore – 560002. Admeasuring 65 Sqft of Super built up area and 23.47 Sqft of undivided share in the land. In the Schedule – A property together with separate electricity, common water and sanitation and including all easementary rights, title, interest, privileges and appurtenances. Bounded By : EAST BY: Shop no 3, WEST BY: Shop No 5, & Staircase, NORTH BY: Ashoka Market, SOUTH BY: Commercial complex common passage.

Date : 05.07.2025 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that, our client intends to purchase the immovable property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the **"Schedule Property"** along with all fixed assets and the structures, if any, standing thereon from **M/s. TEJO INFOTECH,** represented by its partner Sri. Vinay B.S.

Any person having any claims, rights, title, or interests in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof including by way of sale, conveyance, assignment, transfer, exchange, gift, mortgage, lien, lease, sub-lease, tenancy, trust, maintenance, inheritance, possession, share, license or a claim in the nature of a dispute, suit, decree, other restrictive covenants, order of injunction, hypothecation, charge, attachment, requisition, acquisition, easement, encumbrance, covenant right of prescription or pre-emption or under any Agreement or other disposition or otherwise claiming howsoever, are hereby requested to make the same known in writing along with supporting documentary evidence to the undersigned within a period of **10 (Ten) days** from the date of publication hereof, failing which the claims of such person/s will be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY MENTIONED HEREIN ABOVE:

All the piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy.No.39/2 (old Sy. No.39/2A) of Alakablalu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,measuring to an extent of 22 Guntas and right to use common passage measuring 20 feet wide from gate and bounded by:-

East by : Land belongs to Vargheese;
West by : Land belongs to Ramakka;
North by : Land belongs to Krishnareddy;
South by: Land belongs to Dhavu Saheb.

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)

NOTIFICATION

Bengaluru, 03rd July 2025

S.O. 2995(E).--In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 20A of the Railway Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Ministry of Railways (South Western Railway, Construction Organization Bengaluru Cantonment) after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which has been given in the Schedule annexed hereto, is required for the execution of the Special Railway Project, namely, Construction of 2 lane ROB in lieu of LC No. 18 at Navalgund Road - Annigeri @ Ch: 34/700-800 (Annigere Village)", in the State of Karnataka, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land:

Any person interested in the said land may, within Thirty days from the date of publication of this notification in the official Gazette, raise objection to the acquisition and use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of Section 20D of the said Act;

Every such objection shall be made to the **'Competent Authority'**, namely, Assistant Commissioner, Dharwad and Regional Commissioner, Belagavi as **'Arbitrator'** for the land acquisition process required for the "·Construction of 2 lane ROB in lieu of LC No. 18 at Navalgund Road - Annigeri @ Ch: 34/700-800 (Annigere Village)" in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the competent authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the competent authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections;

Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section (2) of Section 20D of the said Act shall be final;

The land plans and other details of the land covered under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid Office of the competent authority.

SCHEDULE

Sl. No.	Village Name	Survey No.	Part	Area in Hectare
1.	Annigere	1091	1+2	0.3668
2.	Annigere	1092	1	0.0783
3.	Annigere	1092	2	0.0627
4.	Annigere	1093	-	0.0202
5.	Annigere	1094	-	0.1583
			Total	0.6863

No. W.271/CN/BNC/2025-26/Land SRP/1727

(Yogananda Babu Yagani)
Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction/General/
South Western Railway, Bengaluru Cantonment

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Corrigendum to Sale Notice Dated 01.07.2025 the E-Auction date has been changed to 30.07.2025 as per the details below

E-Auction Sale Notice for 15 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India** (Secured Creditor) will be sold on **"As is where is", As is what is" and "Whatever there is basis"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Depost are also mentioned hereunder:

Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: Borrower: Mr. S Kannaiah S/o K Venkataswamy, No. 616, 5th Cross, 1st Floor, 2nd Block, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru – 560050. **Also at:** #2069, 8th Main Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru – 560010. **Co-Applicant: Ms. Kavitha K W/o Sri S Kannaiah,** No. 616, 5th Cross, 1st Floor, 2nd Block, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru – 560050. **Also at:** #2069, 8th Main Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru – 560010.

Amount due: Rs.22,98,257.51/- as on **30.08.2024** plus interest, costs and incidental charges.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All that Piece and Parcel of Property bearing New Municipal No 745/A, PID No 54-302-745/A,formed and developed by Kempegowda HBCS LTD Carved Out of Sy. No 101/1, 101/3, 102, 105/2, 107/3, 108/1 and 108/2 Situated at Kathriguppe Village, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore South Taluk and measuring East to West 24 Feet and North to South 40 Feet in all measuring 960 Sq Ft and Bounded on: **East by:** Site No 746, **West By:** Site No 745, **North by:** Site No 748 and **South By:** Road and Residential Building constructed thereon.

Reserve Price: 1,06,78,500/-
(Rupees One Crore Six Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs. 10,67,850/-
(Rupees Ten Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Only)
Date and time of E-Auction: 30-07-2025 between 12:00 P.M. to 05:00 PM
(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last Date for submission of EMD : On or before the commencement of E-Auction
E-Auction website: https://baanknet.com

For Details terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://baanknet.com**
The online E-auction will be held through website: **https://baanknet.com**
For auction related queries e-mail to **ubin0910465@unionbankofindia.bank** or contact No. **9137110462,** No. 1010, Jayanagar 9th Block Branch, 26th Main, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore

Date : 10.07.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Union Bank of India**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client states that, below mentioned original document in respect of schedule property document has been misplaced/lost i.e, sale deed dated 16.3.2019 registered as Document No.06698/2018-19, CD No.HLSD218, Registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Ulsoor, Executed in favor of **Mr.Sankar Gopinath & Mrs.K.A.Sasikala.** in respect of the Flat No.G-1404, 14th Floor, Block-G, in MJR PEARL Apartment. measuring Super built up area is 1530 Sq.Ft, UDS is 507 Sq.Ft, along with One Car parking in Basement Level, Schedule A property is Converted Sy No.218,256/1,2,3, and 257,258/2, at Kodugodi Village (Earlier Hoskote Taluk) Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru **East Taluk, and bounded on East by- Entrance, West by- Open Space, North by-Open Space, South by- Flat No.G-1403 of Block G in MJR Pearl,** and the same is not traceable immediately, we hereby called upon the public if anyone found the above said document, kindly handed over to undersigned immediately and they may be suitably awarded, and also we further bring into the notice of the general Public that in case anyone dealing with the schedule property on the basis of the above said Original documents in respect of the Schedule property, same will be an offence and they are liable to punish under the Criminal Act. Therefore, we call upon the general public not to deal with the schedule property on the basis of above said Original sale deed which stands in the names of **Mr.Sankar Gopinath & Mrs.K.A.Sasikala,**

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.G-1404, 14th Floor, Block-G, in **MJR PEARL** Apartment. measuring Super built up area is 1530 Sq.Ft, UDS is 507 Sq.Ft, along with One Car parking in Basement Level, Schedule A property is Converted in Sy No.218, 256/1, 2,3, and 257,258/2, at Kodugodi Village (Earlier Hoskote Taluk) Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, and bounded on **East by- Entrance, West by- Open Space, North by-Open Space, South by- Flat No.G-1403 of Block G in MJR Pearl.**

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‘TB death audits, like maternal mortality model, can aid elimination’

Soumya Swaminathan emphasises the need to prioritise reducing TB deaths and prevalence and incidence of the disease, stating that finding gaps, addressing them, and having an ambitious plan need to be focused on; our short-term focus, in the next National Strategic Plan, is to reduce TB mortality, she adds

Maitri Porecha

A detailed dissection of every tuberculosis-related death at the district level or a ‘TB death audit,’ much like the public health approach adopted by the Centre to reduce maternal deaths, will prove to be useful towards meeting India’s TB elimination goals, Soumya Swaminathan, Principal Advisor for the National TB Elimination Programme in India told *The Hindu*.

“Like COVID, TB is also a pandemic, but it has been around for a very long time. It affects the poor and vulnerable in every country. Even one dengue death gets picked up immediately by the media, and gets reported. Still, 800 to 900 people die every day of TB in the country, but the news of a TB death hardly ever makes it to the newspaper,” she said.

Dr. Swaminathan noted that among the challenges facing National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) is the further reduction in TB mortality rates to meet the End TB and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) targets. From an estimated 35 deaths per 1,00,000 population in 2015, India has brought down this rate to 22 per 1,00,000 according to the latest official data. “However, we still have case fatality rates ranging from 5% to 10% in different states. These rates are higher for drug-resistant TB. These deaths are mostly happening in the economically-productive age group of 25 to 55 years,” she said.

Public awareness: Students conduct a rally to raise awareness on TB, a contagious disease that is treatable and preventable, and yet continues to kill millions each year, in Hyderabad. FILE PHOTO

TB Death Audit

India has significantly reduced its maternal mortality rate (MMR) by expanding the scope for institutional delivery, better antenatal and postnatal care and by undertaking district-wise maternal death audits which are headed by the district collectors. “Everyone has to sit and explain why that [maternal] death happened and how it could have been prevented. Can we adopt a similar approach for TB,” asked Dr. Swaminathan. “The District Collector should be aware of how many TB deaths occur, and non-programme partners should be engaged in audits of randomly selected cases. These could be community medicine departments of nearby medical colleges or public health institutes. It should not be the TB programme itself that does the death audits. TB deaths should be presented, analysed along with reasons, and the discussions could lead to improvements in service delivery” she added. The deaths are most likely caused by a combination of complications due to TB, along with social and economic risk factors.

Citing an example, Dr. Swaminathan said that National Institute of TB and Respiratory Diseases runs a ‘difficult to treat,’ virtual TB clinic (using the ECHO platform), where cases are presented and discussed every month, for the benefit of doctors and nurses across the country. The case of a 19-year-old belonging to a poor migrant family who succumbed to TB in Delhi was presented. Her father had previously died of TB and her sister had also contracted the infection. “They worked as house maids and had initially sought treatment with private doctors. By the time she got admitted, she had extensive bilateral TB and was in respiratory failure. The fact that a 19-year-old girl died of drug sensitive TB points to the need for every patient to be notified and followed up by the TB programme. Any number of such cases are occurring every day. Are we paying attention and trying to improve the system?”

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> **SOUMYA SWAMINATHAN**
> Principal Advisor for the NTEP

Tamil Nadu model

Tamil Nadu’s Kasanoi Erappila Thittam (TN-KET) meaning ‘TB death free project,’ was jointly started by the Indian Council of Medical Research’s National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE) and the State government for all aged 15 years and older with drug-susceptible TB notified by public facilities, with a goal to reduce deaths by 30% in this group.

According to NIE data, during April - June 2022, 14,961 TB patients were notified out of which 11599 (78%) were triaged. It was found that of these 1509 (13%) were at high risk of severe illness. Of these 48% were severely undernourished, another 50% had respiratory insufficiency, and 29% were unable to stand without support. Of the 1509 patients, 1128 (75%) were assessed at a nodal inpatient care facility. Of these 993 were confirmed as severely ill, and 909 (92%) were admitted. Of those admitted 4% patients succumbed to their illness. As a result of implementing TN-KET, Tamil Nadu now routinely captures BMI data for all adults with TB (notified from public facilities).

In the southern States, people have co-morbidities such as diabetes, alcoholism and in the north, there is severe malnutrition and severe anaemia, Dr. Swaminathan observed. In any case, every TB patient must be clinically evaluated for co-morbidities and risk factors and these should be treated too.

Dr. Swaminathan pressed on the need to prioritise reducing TB deaths, along with reducing prevalence, and incidence of the disease. “China has a death rate of 3 per 1,00,000 from TB, while India has a death rate of 22 per 1,00,000. We need to find gaps, address them and have an ambitious plan,” she said.

“Our short-term focus, in the next National Strategic Plan, is to reduce TB mortality. Incidence reduction will take time, whatever we do, because we don’t have a highly efficacious vaccine. Unless we start finding everyone and treating them, we will not have a rapid incidence reduction,” she adds.

Dr. Swaminathan said that the National TB prevalence Survey and State-specific Prevalence Surveys in Gujarat, Rajasthan reveal that sub-clinical TB accounts for 40% to 50% of cases. “Which means, you will not pick them up with symptom screening and our national programme was entirely based on symptom screening. So, we were straightaway missing half of the active TB in population,” she said.

According to her, the solution is to have widespread use of X-ray backed up by an AI algorithm. “The hand-held X-ray technology with AI is green lighted by the World Health Organization (WHO), STOP TB Partnership and ICMR. In fact, six government hospitals in Mumbai applied X-ray screening and their case notifications went up by 10% to 12%,” she stated.

Upfront molecular testing until last year in India was 30%. The 100-day TB elimination campaign aimed at strengthening diagnostics and linkage to treatment, as well as efforts by CTD to expand upfront molecular testing should pay dividends this year, she added. Upfront molecular testing involves offering tests which can pick up TB as well as drug-resistance to TB bacteria leading to accurate treatment, which improves chances of the patient’s recovery. Screening of household contacts should be made convenient as they cannot be expected to spend days in going and getting themselves screened. This can happen now with the highly portable handheld X-ray devices which many States have started using.

The crucial role of nutrition

She also emphasised on providing good nutrition to TB patients and their families. “The RATIONS trials led by Anurag Bhargava in Jharkhand among a population with BMI as low as 16 and 17 has demonstrated that almost 50% secondary household cases could be prevented just by providing good nutritional support. We don’t yet have a vaccine with 50% efficacy so if we give adequate calories and protein, it acts like natural protector from bacteria.”

Commenting on the Nikshay Mitra Programme floated by the Centre for nutrition support to TB patients, Dr. Swaminathan said that while the goal was laudable, its success depends on volunteers coming forward to donate nutrition support and this may not be uniform across all geographies. “Also, the ability to deliver it [nutritional support] may be limited in remote areas,” she emphasised. The government’s move to double the amount meted out under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) – (an earlier amount of ₹500 per month provided to TB patients during treatment, has now been increased to ₹1000) would go a long way towards meeting the patients nutritional needs, and more research is needed in ways to improve the family’s nutritional status, wherever needed.

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The real fertility crisis is one of agency, says UNFPA Asia Pacific director

WORLD POPULATION DAY

Ramya Kannan

Nations across the world reacted predictably to the conclusion of the UNFPA’s Global State of the World’s Population Report released last month, some with a sense of alarm, and others with the assurance of having fast-tracked policies to improve declining populations. The media mostly headlined falling fertility rates. But the real fertility crisis, said Pio Smith, Asia-Pacific Regional Director for the UNFPA, the United Nations sexual and reproductive health and rights agency, is one of agency.

“It is not about too many or too few births. At the UNFPA, we’re looking at those fertility outcomes that are shaped by a range of different factors,” he told journalists on the sidelines of the 3rd Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, held in Bangkok late last month. “There have been many demographic alarm bells, about falling population rates, and some have missed the mark. And there have been anticipatory responses, and some have been effective and some less so. And they varied, I would say, across regions and across the globe. Very often, what we see at UNEPA is that, the headlines, the policymakers too often frame the decline in fertility rates as the result of deliberate choice.”

“At the UNEPA, we are unmasking that to say, very often, it is women who are too seldom able to make voluntary informed choices about their reproductive opportunities. Particularly when you look at, you know, about a quarter of women are unable to say no to sex,” he added.

The report underlined that women are, all too often blamed for these demographic shifts. Some governments are employing drastic measures to incentivise young people to make fertility decisions in line with national targets. But the real crisis is that the most consequential reproductive decision a human being can make - when, whether and with whom to have a child - is being undermined.

Pio Smith, Asia-Pacific Regional Director for the UNFPA, which works with countries to provide support to people to form families. RAMYA KANNAN

The ‘alarm bell’

It is true, Mr. Smith adds, that it falling fertility is often the face of a woman. It begins with the lack of equality and equity that is afforded to girls and women from the beginning of life.

“And that’s the alarm bell. That she is unable to exercise her choice and decide whether she wants to have a family. And if she does, is she able to do so in an economically and socially responsible and acceptable way?” Mr. Smith answered that himself: “That’s why at the UNFPA, we’re advocating for a lifecycle approach that invests in women so that their health, but also their education and other needs, are equitably invested in by governments throughout their life.”

The UNFPA is tasked with working with governments in nearly 150 countries across the world to provide real support to people to form the families that they want to, resting on a rights-based approach to fertility. So what is this ‘real support’ and what does a rights-based approach entail?

A rights-based approach

Mr. Smith lists these as cost of living, gender norms, social pressure, and uncertainty about the future - including about wars, conflicts, and pandemics. “The urgency is really clear for us – demographic transitions are accelerating, but people’s choices are increasingly constrained,” he says. In effect, real support is not ‘about baby bonuses or coercive policies’.

“It’s actually about providing support that empowers people to help create the families that they want. That includes various elements like affordable housing, childcare, decent work, and equitable pay. It’s also about parental leave for all parents and all families. It’s about accessible fertility care, reproductive health services also that are accessible, particularly to our adolescents,” Mr. Smith listed.

The UNFPA is also advocating among member countries to provide better support and legal recognition for all family types. Same-sex couples face certain legal and social barriers to full access. In this context, the social aspect is almost more important because legal conditions can be created, but social barriers may still stymie equal access. So acting on the social conditioning too is important.

“We are calling on governments to invest in rights-based systems, that would enable reproductive autonomy, regardless of a country’s fertility rate. We have a programme around demographic resilience (2:05) and that offers policy support to help governments harness the opportunities that are available to them and that come with demographic change,” according to Mr. Smith.

He added that it would not be good enough just to have a policy. “You need leadership that is going to be courageous and that’s going to have the foresight to look into these demographic changes. They also have to make sure that the policies are responsive, and that they’re investing.”

(The reporter was at the 3rd Ministerial Conference on CRVS held in Bangkok at the invitation of UNESCAP. (ramya.kannan@thehindu.co.in))

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Ukrainians killed in Russian attacks in June this year

232 Russia's escalation of drone and missile attacks on Ukrainian cities led to a three-year high in the number of civilians killed or wounded in June, the United Nations said on Thursday. The UN verified at least 1,343 wounded during the month. AFP

Women detected with cancer-like symptoms in Hingoli

14,542 These women in Hingoli, Maharashtra have been detected with "cancer-like symptoms" during screening under the Sanjivani scheme, State Health Minister Prakash Abitkar informed the Assembly on Thursday. PTI

Number of journalists killed in Israeli strikes in Iran

12 The media arm of the Basij paramilitary forces — a branch of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps — said the death toll among media workers had risen to 12 following the identification of two additional individuals, the IRNA news agency reported. AFP

Persons rescued due to the flood in the Northeast

3,820 The Army has launched humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations in several States of Northeast, according to a release issued on Thursday. The army has so far deployed 40 relief columns and rescued 3,820 people, it said. PTI

Number of foreigners executed by Saudi Arabia in 2025 so far

101 Saudi Arabia executed two Ethiopian nationals on drug charges, the Interior Ministry said on Thursday, bringing the number of foreigners put to death since the beginning of the year to at least 101, according to an AFP tally. AFP

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The need to safeguard the right to vote

What did the Supreme Court say about electoral rolls revision in Bihar? Is the right to vote a fundamental right in India? Can electoral roll errors invalidate an election? How can India balance electoral vigilance with the inclusion of genuine voters?

LETTER & SPIRIT

Kartikey Singh

A Booth Level Officer checks documents during special investigation revision of electoral rolls, at Kamalpur Village, in Bihar. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

THE GIST

- The Supreme Court, while hearing challenges to the special intensive revision in Bihar, suggested that the Election Commission consider Aadhaar, voter ID, and ration card as acceptable documents, a move aimed at improving access and reducing wrongful exclusions.
- The Election Commission, under Article 324, is empowered to revise electoral rolls under Section 21 of the RPA, 1950 — but this process must balance vigilance with inclusion, and follow due process to avoid wrongful disenfranchisement.
- The right to vote in India is a statutory right, not a fundamental one, but it is treated as a 'democratic imperative' essential to the survival of the Indian republic.

The story so far:

On July 10, the Supreme Court directed the Election Commission (EC) to consider Aadhaar cards, voter ID cards, and ration cards as acceptable documents for the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar. It has listed the batch of petitions challenging the EC's decision for further hearing on July 28. The court's remark – that the question of 'right to vote' goes to the very root of the functioning of our republic – has cast a spotlight on the foundational processes of India's electoral machinery and the genesis of India's 'universal adult suffrage' (UAS). India's constitutional promise of the 'right to vote' differs significantly from that of many Western democracies. Reflecting the flawed belief, espoused by thinkers like J.S. Mill, that voting should be reserved for the "enlightened" and denied to the "ignorant," countries like the U.K. initially restricted the franchise to male property owners. Universal male suffrage emerged only in 1918, and women were granted the right to vote a decade later in 1928. In the U.S., although the 15th and 19th Amendments extended voting rights to African Americans (1870) and women (1920), systemic barriers such as poll taxes and literacy tests continued to disenfranchise many for decades thereafter.

How was universal adult suffrage made real in India?

In sharp contrast, far from gradualism and the 'privileged class' criteria, India's choice of immediate, universal inclusion ensured 'democratic equality' from the outset, bypassing the prolonged and often violent struggles seen elsewhere. Article 326 of the Constitution granted every adult citizen the right to vote, regardless of gender, caste, religion, education, or property, at a time when most of the world moved cautiously. Initially set at 21 years of age, this threshold was lowered to 18 by the 61st Constitutional Amendment in 1989. This commitment to a robust, inclusive democracy found further constitutional reinforcement in a series of Supreme Court judgments, notably starting with *Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala* (1973), which established democracy as part of the 'basic structure' doctrine. For this ideal to function meaningfully, people should be able to freely decide the fate of their government, an unassailable right that shapes governance and must never be compromised.

This inclusive vision was operationalised through two key laws: the Representation of the People Act, 1950, which governs the preparation and revision of electoral rolls; and the 1951 Act, which regulates election conduct, candidature, and electoral offences. The EC has repeatedly introduced administrative innovations to realise this 'constitutional promise'. Notably, the then Chief Election Commissioner Sukumar Sen, faced with the task of enrolling 173 million largely illiterate voters, turned a logistical hurdle into a democratic breakthrough by introducing election symbols, making UAS practically accessible.

In India, EC has a great responsibility to reach the last citizen, wherever they may be, to actualise their 'right to elect'. As Winston Churchill once said, "At the bottom of all tributes paid to democracy is the little man, walking into a little booth, with a little pencil, making a little cross on a little bit of paper..." His words remain a timeless reminder that the health of any democracy ultimately rests on the sanctity of the 'right to vote'.

Is voting a fundamental right in India?

The legal status of the 'right to vote' in India has long been debated. Although Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and K.T. Shah proposed including it in the Constitution's fundamental rights part, the Constituent Assembly's Advisory Committee ultimately rejected the idea. Importantly, a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court in *Kuldip Nayar* v. *Union of India* (2006) held that the 'right to elect' is a statutory right under Section 62 of the RPA, 1951, and not a fundamental or constitutional right.

Later in 2016, though a two-judge bench in *Rajbala* v. *State of Haryana* described the 'right to vote' as a constitutional right, the larger bench ruling in *Kuldip Nayar* prevails. Again, in *Anoop Baranwal v. Union of India* (2023), the top court declined to pronounce on the issue, noting that it had already been settled by the five-judge Bench in the Kuldip Nayar judgment. However, in his dissent, Justice Ajay Rastogi asserted that the 'right to vote' is an expression of Article 19(1)(a) and reflects the essence of Article 21. Yet, as this view remains a minority opinion, the 'right to elect' continues to be recognised as a statutory right under prevailing law.

Nevertheless, even though it is not a fundamental right, courts have regarded the right to vote as an inseparable part of democracy, anchoring their reasoning in the idea that it enables citizens to shape governance, making it a "democratic imperative" vital to the Indian republic's survival. As philosopher John Dewey said, democracy is not just a form of government, but a social and personal ideal.

Why does electoral roll accuracy matter?

Free and fair elections rest on accurate electoral rolls, under the RPA, 1950. Inaccuracies – such as mass omissions, ineligible inclusions, duplicates, or incorrect entries – undermine the "one person, one vote" principle by enabling impersonation, disenfranchisement, or dilution of votes, ultimately distorting the people's mandate. Therefore, the EC is empowered under Section 21 of the 1950 Act to prepare and revise these rolls to ensure integrity.

While discrepancies may arise, courts have consistently held that only substantial and systemic errors that demonstrably "materially affected" the election outcome can compromise the sanctity of the electoral roll. Minor mistakes or isolated disenfranchisement are insufficient. Allegations like those in Bihar warrant scrutiny, but it must also be noted that purification of rolls is necessary because just as the exclusion of an eligible voter undermines democracy, so does the inclusion of an ineligible name. Therefore, rather than disrupting or delaying the exercise, efforts should focus on helping improve the process. The Supreme Court's suggestion to include more accepted documents helps safeguard every genuine elector's right to be represented.

While the right to inclusion or objection in electoral rolls is conferred on individuals, not political parties, the court in *Lakshmi Charan Sen v. A.K.M. Hassan Uzzaman* (1985) observed that in a largely illiterate and politically unaware electorate, parties should take steps to ensure eligible voters are included and ineligible ones are removed. Given India's party-based Parliamentary system, such vigilance will help to preserve 'electoral integrity'.

Who qualifies as an ordinary resident?

The EC under Article 324 serves as the constitutional guardian of elections, with powers of superintendence, direction, and control. A key duty is preparing accurate electoral rolls, guided by Section 19 of the RPA, 1950, which mandates that any citizen aged 18 or above, "ordinarily resident" in a constituency and not disqualified, is entitled to be registered. "Ordinary resident" implies a genuine, continuous presence, not a temporary stay. For example, a student living in a hostel may not qualify if their permanent home and intent to return lie elsewhere. Mere temporary absence from one's place of ordinary residence does not negate one's status as an ordinary resident of that location. This criterion prevents fraudulent registrations and ensures voters maintain real ties to their constituencies, preserving representative accountability.

Interestingly, the Manmohan Singh case (1991) exemplifies judicial scrutiny on this front. His election from Assam was challenged for lack of "ordinary residence," leading the court to clarify that ordinary residence means habitual, regular, and genuine presence, not a temporary or casual stay or a nominal address. Beyond ordinary voters, India's electoral system accommodates those unable to vote conventionally. Under Rule 18 of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, 'postal ballots' are available to service voters like armed forces personnel, paramilitary, armed State police posted outside, and government staff abroad, and voters on election duty. Overseas electors – Indian citizens living abroad without foreign citizenship – can register under Section 20A of the RPA, 1950. However, they must vote in person, as they are currently ineligible for postal or proxy voting.

One of the most contentious issues regarding the SIR exercise in Bihar is the debate on 'citizenship verification'. In *Lal Babu Hussein v. ERO* (1995), the court quashed two EC directives (1992 and 1994) allowing District Collectors and Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) to identify and delete alleged foreigners from voter rolls. The Supreme Court noted that the poll body guidelines put the "onus of proof of citizenship" on the person involved, even disregarding that several persons were voters in previous elections.

The court ruled that EROs must give due weight to past electoral rolls, conduct full inquiries, and follow quasi-judicial procedures, ensuring natural justice and adherence to the Citizenship Act and Constitution. These safeguards must guide the current exercise as well. Moreover, allegations or vague suspicions cannot justify the exclusion of individuals from citizenship or voter lists without credible evidence and due process, according to the judgments in *Lal Babu and Md. Rahim Ali* (2024).

What is next?

The Bihar SIR controversy and broader electoral reform debates highlight a core democratic truth: India's democracy depends on electoral rolls that are accurate, inclusive, and accessible. As the Supreme Court prepares to resume hearings on July 28, the EC must complete the exercise with a careful balance between genuine vigilance and inclusion to uphold the fairness of the process.

Public awareness should empower voters to verify and update their entries, making them active custodians of electoral integrity. Safeguarding the vote is not merely a statutory obligation; it is a shared democratic responsibility, requiring vigilant institutions, informed citizens, and forward-looking legal reforms.

Kartikey Singh is a lawyer based in New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients intending to purchase the property with respect of **Sy.No.143,** Old No.91, measuring **2 Acres 15 Guntas,** Situated at **Rayasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District,** Converted to Industrial (Hi-Tech) purpose, vide official Memorandum bearing No.VG.J(Anekal) Auction.C.R/18/07-08, dated 29.01.2014 issued by the Official of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

Any person or persons having/asserting any right title or interest/claims or intending to oppose the purchase in any manner to the undersigned within **Ten days** from the publication of Notice hereof with documentary proof where after no such claims will be entertained and my client will proceed with the purchase of the said property.

Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Contact No. : 9916343921

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No.: SG-SWR-PROJ-UBL-3EIs Dated: 04.07.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Replacement of over aged signalling installation at Caranzol, Dudhasagar and Sonalim stations **(Total - 3 Stations)**	**Rs. 13,86,27,970.63**

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 04.08.2025**

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Dy. Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Proj/II/Hubballi

PUB/282/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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CENTRAL RAILWAY

SOLAPUR DIVISION

ENGINEERING WORK

Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Central Railway, Solapur on Behalf of President of India, invites e-tender from the reputed firms / contractor for the following works. **Tender Notice No.: 19-2025-SrDENS. Date: 10.07.2025. Name of Work**: Hiring of truck of 10 MT capacity for transportation of P Way materials for 1500 kms per month for - **1)** SSE/P.Way/KWV(S), SUR(N) & DUD under ADEN/SUR(T) and **2)** SSE/P.way/KLBG & SDB under ADEN/KLBG for period of 2 years under Sr.DEN/S/SUR section in Solapur division (Total 05 nos. of trucks for 10 MT capacity for period of 2 year). **Approximate Cost of the work**: Rs. 1,22,67,697.92. **Earnest Money**: Rs. 2,11,300/-. **Completion period of the work**: 24 Months. **Maintenance Period**: NA. **Last date & Time of uploading quoted tender on www.ireps.gov.in website**: 31.07.2025 upto 15:00 hrs. **Date & Time of Opening of tender on www.ireps.gov.in**: 31.07.2025 at 15:30 hrs. The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/corrigenda issued for this tender. Website: **www.ireps.gov.in**.

Divisional Railway Manager (Works),
DE/Sur-56 Central Railway, Solapur

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT ROAD DIVISION, DUMKA

VERY-VERY SHORT TIME

e-Procurement Notice

Tender Reference No. RCD/DUMKA/1212 Date - 10.07.2025

1	Name of Work	Surface Renewal, Paver Block, Painting and Road Safety Work of Police Line Ground and Dumka Airport Road on the Occasion of 15th August 2025 under Non Plan for the year 2025-26.
2	Estimated cost(In Rs)	Rs 1,65,00,000.00
3	Time of completion	13.08.2025 till.
4	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	14.07.2025 at 10.30 AM
5	Last date/Time for receipt of bids	20.07.2025 Up to 12.00 Noon
6	Date of opening of Tender	21.07.2025 at 12.30 PM
7	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Office of The Executive Engineer Road Construction Department Road Division, Dumka.
8	Contact no. of Procurement Officer	8252424164
9	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-2401010

Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer,
Road Construction Department,
Road Division, Dumka

PR 356958 (Road) 25-26 (D)

Form No.14 [See Regulation 33(2)]
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU
No. 4, Residency Road, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Hayes Road, Bengaluru-560025

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/11237/2017 **04/02/2021**

Indian Overseas Bank, Sunkadakatte Branch (2309), Janapriya Shopping Complex, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560091. **... Certificate Holder**

Versus

M/s Sree Gandha Aqua Tech

To,

1) **M/s. Sree Gandha Aqua Tech,** #22, Behind Kwaja Exports, Madavara Opp. TCI, Tumkur Road, Bengaluru-560123, Rep. by its Proprietor Smt. Susheela
2) **Smt. Susheela,** Proprietor for M/s. Sree Gandha Aqua Tech, #22, Behind Kwaja Exports, Madavara, Opp. TCI, Tumkur Road, Bengaluru-560123. **Also At:** Smt. Susheela, No. 302, SLV Comforts, Kothnur Lake, J.P. Nagar, 8th Phase, Bengaluru-560078. **...Certificate Debtor**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, D**EBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 1) in OA/1110/2014** an amount of **Rs. 62,01,239.00 (Rupees Sixty Two Lakhs One Thousands Two Hundred and Thirty Nine Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest and costs till realization.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within **15 days** of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 07/05/2021 at 10.30 a.m. for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
   (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
   (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **04/02/2021.**

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

Sd/- Recovery Officer-1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU (DRT 1)

Government of Jharkhand Home, Prison and Disaster Management Department (Disaster Management Division)

T.A. Division Building, Near Golchakar, Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand, Pin Code-834004.

Expression of Interest (Request for Proposal)

HIRING SERVICES OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT FIRM FOR STATUTORY AUDIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR- 2010-11 TO FINANCIAL YEAR 2025-26

It is to be informed that date of opening of technical bid regarding Chartered Accountant which was extended till further information by the advertisement published on 04.07.2025 PR No.-356486 will be now opened on 18.07.2025 at 3.00 PM.

Under Secretary,
Home, Prison and Disaster Management Department
(Disaster Management Division)
Jharkhand, Ranchi
T.A. Division Building, Near Golchakkar, Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand, Pin Code-834004.

PR.NO.356950 Disaster Management(25-26):D

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Divisional Office, No.6, 2nd Floor, Shri Vasavi Temple Road, Sajjan Rao Circle, V V Puram, Bangalore-560004

POSSESSION NOTICE **(For Immovable Property)**
Issued Under Rule 8(1) Of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited** under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **06.05.2025** calling upon the borrower **(1) M/s. Mahentesh Traders; Prop: Mr. Mahentesh C,** Old Post Office Road, Kumberpet, Hoskote-562114; **(2) Mr. Mahentesh C** S/o Mr. H N Chandrashekar, Near TAPPMS Building, Parvathipura, Hosakote-562114, **(3) Mrs. Asha Neelakanta** W/o Late H N Neelakanta, Hoskote Town, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore-561114 **(4) Mr. Deepak** S/o Late H N Neelakanta Hoskote Town, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore-561114. **(5) Mr. Karthik C (Guarantor),** S/o Mr. H N Chandrashekar, Near TAPPMS Building, Parvathipura, Hoskote – 562114 and **(6) Chandrashekar H N (Guarantor)** S/o B Nanjundappa, Near TAPPMS Building, Parvathipura, Hoskote - 562114. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 2,88,70,722.72/- (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Eight Lakhs Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Two and Paisa Seventy Two only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **9th Day of July of the year 2025;**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited** for an amount of **Rs. 1,92,53,333.72 (Rupees One Crore Ninety-Two Lakhs Fifty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three and paise Seventy Two only)** and interest thereon.

However apart from the SOD loan there are other facilities availed by you and the outstanding is **Rs.4,37,53,862.62/- (Rupees Four Crore Thirty-Seven Lakhs Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Two and Paise Sixty Two only).** The total outstanding dues payable as on **08.07.2025** is **Rs. 6,30,07,196.34/- (Rupees Six Crore Thirty Lakhs Seven Thousand One Hundred Ninety Six and paise Thirty Four Only).**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Schedule-A : All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 49, Site No. 35 , measuring in all 2722 Sq.ft, situated at Pillagumpe Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote taluk and is bounded on: East by: Remaining property of same number, West by: Pillagumpe Road, North by: 10 feet Road, South by: Property of Murthy.

Schedule-B: All that piece and parcel residential vacant land situated at site no.14, khata no. 8388/14 Parvathipura, Hoskote measuring to an extent East to West 14 feet and North to South (41.5'+40.5'0/2 feet in total measuring 574 Sq.ft bounded on : East: Vacant site of Fayaz Ahmed, West : Vacant site of D. Narayan Swamy, North: Private Property, South: 20 feet Road.

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Date : 09.07.2025 **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited**

Form No.14 [See Regulation 33(2)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, BENGALURU
No.4, Second Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560025

DRC No. 825/2019

Indian Overseas Bank, Sunkadakatte Branch, at: No. B-9, Janapriya Shopping Complex, Magadi Main Road, Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru-560091 **...Certificate Holder**

Versus

M/s Velsin Control Systems **...Certificate Debtor(s)**

DEMAND NOTICE

To,

M/s. Velsin Control Systems, Proprietrix: Mrs. Veena Kumari, K.C. D/o. Late Chikkanna, Res at: No. 13/29, Sanjivini Nagar, Om Shakthi Temple Road, Heggenahalli Cross, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru-560091, **Also at:** Mrs. Veena Kumari K.C., D/o. Late Chikkanna, Res at: Kebballi Village, Nidasale Post, Huliyurdurga Hobli, Kunigal Taluk, Tumkur District.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No.1300/2017** passed by the **Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on 16/08/2019** an amount of **Rs. 11,69,413/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Thirteen Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization. You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, falling which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid, you will be liable to pay:

(a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal, on this **20th Day of September, 2019.**

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

Sd/- Recovery Officer-1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU (DRT 1)

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3rd Floor, Divisional Office, No.6, Sajjan Rao Circle, V V Puram Bangalore – 560 004.

SUBSTITUTED DEMAND NOTICE

Reg: Notice issued under Sec 13 [2] of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 [SARFAESI Act] for recovery of dues in the loan a/c of **(1) M/S YUKTHA ENTERPRISES,** SLN Nagar, N0 102/3, V V Ramu Estate, Bommasandra Industrial Area, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban, Bangalore-560099. **(2) Smt Pavithra S (Proprietor)** W/o Sri. Prasanna Kumar. A. M, Opp. Kollapumdamma Temple, Sirivara Village, Hebbur Hubli, Tumkur (Dist)-572120. **(3) Mr Prasanna Kumar. A. M (Guarantor)** S/o Malleshaiah, No.5, Anivala, Hulihalli (Po), Tumkur-572217.

Whereas you have committed default in repayment of loans in the above mentioned loan account to the secured creditor bank for which your account has been classified NPA on **31.05.2025** the Bank had issued notice under the SARFAESI Act on **25.06.2025** calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount of **Rs.50,73,799.28 (Rupees Fifty Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Nine and Paise Twenty Eight Only).**

Whereas the notices sent to the above addresses by Regd. Post/Courier have been returned unserved. You are hereby called upon to visit the bank and obtain copy of the notice in your own interest in order to note the full particulars of the loan dues, securities charged to the bank etc.

You are hereby called upon to pay the amount as shown above together with interest from **25.06.2025** till date of payment within 60 days from the date of the notice failing which, the secured creditor Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of the secured assets hypothecated/ mortgaged to the bank as mentioned below, as per the provisions of SARFAESI Act.

Schedule-A : (Details of the mortgaged properties of Borrower): All the piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.22, Janjar / Serial No.1976, Katha No. 987/22, As per Chandapura TMC Assessment No. 2601 / 987 / 22, old property No. 2446 / 987 / 22, Property No. 4839913288, formed in residentially converted land bearing Sy. No. 63 / 2 (Conversion order No. BDS. ALN (A)SR440 / 2004 – 05) dated 11.02.2005, passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District, Measuring East to West : 60 Feet and North to South : 40 Feet, in all Measuring 2400 Square Feet. Bounded by : East by : Property belonging to Samarpana Trust, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 21, South by : Site No. 23.

Date : 10.07.2025 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, our clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners **(i)SRI.M.S.SRINIVAS (SRINIVAS S MYSORE) (ii)SMT.JAYASHREE KRISHNAKUMAR (JAYASHREE.K.K)** and **(iii)SMT.ROOPASHREE.M.S,** the children of late Sri.M.R.Sudheendra Rao, residing in the Schedule Property. If any persons have any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within **5 (Five) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on our clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Municipal No.27 (CITB/BDA Site No.733),** PID No.60-104-27, E.P.I.D.No. 1692439786, measuring East to West 65 ft and North to South 45ft, in all measuring 2925 Sq.fts., with a building thereon, situated at **10th Main Road, 4th Block, Jayanagar,** Bengaluru, within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.168 and bounded as follows:

East by : Property bearing No.712
West by : 10th Main Road
North by : Property bearing No.734
South by : Property bearing No.733A

Sd/- BAYYA REDDY. M
For ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP
Advocates & Solicitors
No.101, 2nd Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex, 22nd Main Road, BSK 2nd Stage, Opp: Banashankari BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560070.

Bank of Baroda

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Malleshwaram Branch
No.16, 10th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property Only)

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of the **Bank of Baroda, 10th Cross, Malleshwaram Branch** under the Securitisation and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued a demand notice dated **24.04.2025** calling upon the borrower **(1) Mr. Varun L** S/o Lakshmana Shetty Nooji, H.No.17/9, New No.27, Near Keshava Shilpa Bldg. Kaveri Bai Layout, Appurao Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018. **(2) Mr. Chetan S** S/o Shanker Shetty, **(3) Mr. Chandan S Shetty, Both are residing at:** No.512, 2nd Main, 9th Cross, MICO, BTM Layout, Bangalore-560076. and **Also residing at:** #200, 9th Main, 2nd Cross, AICBOO Nagar, Near Water Tank, BTM Layout, Bangalore-560076. **(ii)** H.No.17/9, New No.27, Appurao Road, Keshavashilpa Building. Kaveri Layout, Chamarajpet, Bangalore South-560026., to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.2,73.43,000/- (Rupees Two Crores Seventy Three Lakhs and Forty Three Thousand Only)** as on **22.04.2025** together with further interest upto **10.12.2024** thereon at the contractual rate plus costs charges and expenses till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Physical possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rules 8 of the said rules on this **9th day of July the year 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs. 2.73.43,000/-(Rupees Two Crores Seventy Three Lakhs and Forty Three Thousand Only)** as on **22.04.2025** and interest upto **10.12.2024** thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

SCHEDULE: All that piece and parcel of Residentially converted Sites bearing Nos. 1, 2 & 3, formed in Sy. No. 111/2, present BBMP Khatha No.1915/1935/1, 2 and 3 BBMP PID No.1935/1, 1936/2 and 1937/3, old BBMP Khatha No.1935, 1936 and 1937 situated at Kammanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, District Bangalore converted vide official Memorandum No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(S) 243/1982-83 dt. 31-08-1982 by Spl. Dy. Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore coming under purview of BBMP Bangalore, Ward No.192, measuring East to West: 58-44.5/2ft, North to South:87.5 +92.5/2 feet in all measuring 4612.5 Sq.ft having registered No. BTM-1-04848/2021-22 dated 07-01-2022. A mortgage was created by deposit of title deeds vide Doc No. BTM-1-04852-2021-22 & CD No. BTMD874 dt. 07-01-2022. Bounded by: East- Private Property, West Road, North-Private Property, South-Site No. 04.

Date : 09.07.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Bank of Baroda**

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

ENGINEERING WING

Office of the Chief Engineer, Arogya Soudha, 3rd Floor, Leprosy Hospital Premises, 1st Cross, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560 023 Telephone No.: 080-29557023 E-mail:**cekhsdrp@gmail.com**

No:HFWD/EW/CE/TA-1&3/AE-3&8/TND/2025-26/1202 Date:10.07.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender is invited from eligible contractors registered in KPWD in Two Tender document system in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform for the following works.

Sl. No.	Description of work	Approx. Estimate cost (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (Rs.in Lakhs)	Stipulated period for Completion (including monsoon)	Contractor Eligibilty
1	Construction of Endocrinology Center in the premises of Gulbarga University at Gulbarga Taluk, Kalaburagi District.	3060.00	30.60	18 Months	Class I
2	Construction of Endocrinology Centre in the Premises of PKTB Hospital, Mysuru Medical College at Mysuru.	3100.00	31.00	18 Months	Class I
3	Providing Bus Shelter & Road Extension Work, Compound Wall at Mortuary in District Hospital Campus at YIMS, Yadgir.	266.00	4.00	06 Months	Class II & Above

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **11.08.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **12.08.2025 at 16.01 hrs.** The tender details can be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the KPP Portal Platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: 1. All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids /individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. 2. Henceforth, any changes in the schedule/contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION

PARK & PLAYFIELD DEPARTMENT

P. D. C. No. P2 / 0774-1 /2025 **Short Re-e-Tender Notice Two Covers System**

Short Re e-Tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer / Park & Playfield Department for the following works as per details furnished below:

Selection of Agencies for up keeping and maintenance of 123 Nos. of Parks for a period of one year in Zone-1 to 5 (Package-1,2, & 4), Repairs and improvement works of various Parks in Zone-7 (Package-8) and Proposed formation of 8 No. of Artificial Fountains with LED Lights in Zone-1, 2, 4, 5 & 6 (Package-1 & 2)

Work Value Rs.**49.34** Lakhs, Rs. **393.01** Lakhs EMD **1%** of Tender Value

Due Date and Time for Submission of tender: **17.07.2025** upto **3.00** pm

Tender opening date and time: **18.07.2025** @ **3.30** pm.

For more information see **www.tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR / 3581 / Tender / 2025 **Superintending Engineer (P & P)**

Karnataka Public Work Department

(A Government of KarnatakaEnterprises) O/O Executive Engineer PWD Division, Hosapete, Dist:-Vijayanagara

No:EE/PWD/Dn/Hosapete/TND/ AE-1 /2025-26/1240 **Date:-08.07.2025.**

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Tenders are invited by undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara Dist, for the works notified in the statement below. The bid shall be in One or Two Cover system namely technical bid and financial bid through KPP Portal, following the link https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sl. No	Work Indent No	Estimate Cost (Rs in Lakhs)
1	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT21887	350.00
2	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT21837	450.00
3	PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT18625	250.00
4	PWD/2025-26/IND0109	39.12
5	PWD/2024-25/IND0082	26.20

1.Quarries of Tender On: **As Per kppp Portal.** 2.Last Date of Tender Submission On: **18.07.2025@ 16.00 Hours.** 3.Tender Opening date On: **19.07.2025@ 16.30 Hours.** 4.Financial Bid Opening Date: **As Per kppp Portal.**

Note: Any Changes Either in Tender date or any other condition , Tenderers can view in kppp Portal.

DIPR/Vijayanagar/2025-26/ KSMCA/RO No/140 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara District.**

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, BASAMMA Kamarthi, w/o Athmananda Kamarthi, 1256, 21st C Main Rd, 11th Cross, HSR Layout Sector 1, HSR Layout, Blr–560102. Have Changed My Name to Basaweswari Kamarthi. Vide Affdavit on 07/07/2025.

I, SUNITHA.J.S, R/o. 834, 2nd Blk, BDA Lyt, Mariyappanapalya, Vishwavidyalaya, Bluru-56 have changed my name to Sunitha Kiran vide affidavit dt 10.07.25 sworn before Notary S.Vijayakumar, B'luru

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LEGAL NOTICE

Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Kozhikode
O.P. (MV) 251/2022

Fousal Haque : *Applicant*

1. **Mowla**, S/o.Mohammed Ghose, Age not known, residing at No.786/B, Masjid Road, Attiele Village, PO Anekal TH, Banglore-562107 (Owner of the Lorry bearing Reg.No.KA 53 2459) :*Respondent*

That you the 1st respondent in the above case take notice that the case has been posted for the production of permit and fitness certificate and appearance of the RC Owner on 01.08.2025 before the Hon'ble MACT Kozhikode. You are hereby directed to appear in person or through pleader before Hon'ble MACT Court for that date. If fail to appear in case, it will heard and adverse inference will be taken against you.

(Sd/-) **Dainey Kurian**
Advocate for respondent No.3
United India Insurance Co.

TENDERS

CHENNAI PORT AUTHORITY
Civil Engineering Department

Notice for e-Tender
Tender No.T/JDA/20/2025/E

Online bids are invited under two cover system for "Rehabilitation of Oil Jetties 26B (BD I) and 27B (BD III) with allied buildings and Pipeline Trestles in Bharathi Dock at Chennai Port"
Estimated Cost Put to tender: Rs.1842.94 Lakhs (approx.) excl. GST.
For details visit our website: www.chennaiport.gov.in & http://eprocure.gov.in

Chief Engineer

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Mr.RAVINDRA A.C., S/o. late. CHOWDAIAH,** Aged 53 years R/at No. 40, SSR Residency 22nd Main road, 15th and 17th Cross, JP Nagar, 5th Phase, Bengaluru- 560078, And Mr.Shivalingaiah K., S/o. Late. Krishnappa aged 62 years R/at No. 32, 2nd Block, SBM Colony, Srirampura 2nd Phase, Myosre- 570023 And Mr. M.J. Neelakanta S/o. Late. Javaregowda aged 82 years R/at No. 63, 1st Main Road,Garudachar Layout, C Block, Mahadevapura, Myosre- 570030 intend to purchase the Schedule Properties from **Mr.ONDATH SHAHABAS @ SHAHABAS USMAN S/o. Mr. P. USMAN HAJI**. The seller became owner of the Schedule Properties by virtue of a registered sale deeds dated 04/05/2011, Registered as Doc. Nos. PON-1-00165/2011-12 & PON-1-00167/2011-12, both are stored in CD No. POND20 of Book-1, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Ponnampete, Kodagu District, Any person/s, legal heirs, Trusts, Societies, Institutions, Academic Groups, Associations, Firms Companies, Corporate or any other claiming to have any charge lien, interest encumbrances, lease claim or demand of anyway of sale, transfer, memorandum of understanding, assignment, possession, succession, rights whatsoever the Schedule Properties, may lodge their claim with the undersigned with original documentary proof within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, our clients will treat that there are no objections or claims in respect of the Schedule Properties. No claims will be entertained thereafter and our clients will proceed with the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1
All that piece and parcel of agricultural wet land bearing Survey No. 219/*/2 measuring 96 Cents(+) 4 Cents 'A' Kharab, totally measuring 01 Acre situatedat K.Badaga Village, Sreemangala Hobli, Ponnampete Taluk, Kodagu District and bounded as follows:
East by : Land in Survey No. 220/*/* West by : Land in Survey No. 219/*/1
North by : Land in Survey No. 219/*/1 South by : Land in Survey No. 226/*/2

Item No.2
All that piece and parcel of agricultural wet land bearing Survey No. 219/*/4 measuring 05 Acres 28 Cents (+) 22 Cents 'A' Kharab, totally measuring 05 Acres 50 Cents situatedat K.Badaga Village, Sreemangala Hobli, Ponnampete Taluk, Kodagu District and bounded as follows:
East by : Land in Survey No. 219/*/1 West by : Land in Survey No. 220/*/*
North by : Halla South by : Land in Survey No. 218/*/* and 214/*/1

Item No.3
All that piece and parcel of agricultural wet land bearing Survey No.220/*/* measuring 03 Acres (+) 10 Cents 'A' Kharab, totally measuring 03 Acres 10 Cents situatedat K.Badaga Village, Sreemangala Hobli, Ponnampete Taluk, Kodagu District and bounded as follows:
East by : Land in Survey No. 221/*/* West by : Land in Survey No. 219/*/2
North by : Halla South by : Land in Survey No. 219/*/3

Item No.4
All that piece and parcel of agricultural wet land bearing Survey No. 221/*/* measuring 02 Acres 94 Cents (+) 12 Cents 'A' Kharab, totally measuring 03 Acres 06 Cents situated at K.Badaga Village, Sreemangala Hobli, Ponnampete Taluk, Kodagu District and bounded as follows:
East by : Land in Survey No. 222/*/2 And 222/*/3 West by : Land in Survey No. 220/*/*
North by : Halla South by : Land in Survey No. 219/*/3 And 223/*/*

Item No.5
All that piece and parcel of agricultural wet land bearing Survey No. 226/*/1 measuring 03 Acres 04 Cents situated at K.Badaga Village, Sreemangala Hobli, Ponnampete Taluk, Kodagu District and bounded as follows:
East by : Land in Survey No. 225/*/3 West by : Land in Survey No. 215/*/2
North by : Land in Survey No. 226/*/3 South by : Land in Survey No. 224/*/*

Item No.6
All that piece and parcel of agricultural wet land bearing Survey No. 226/*/2 measuring 85 Cents (+) 15 Cents 'A' Kharab, totally measuring 01 Acres situated at K.Badaga Village, Sreemangala Hobli, Ponnampete Taluk, Kodagu District and bounded as follows:
East b : Land in Survey No. 226/*/3 West by : Land in Survey No. 226/*/5
North by : Land in Survey No. 219/*/2 South by : Land in Survey No. 226/*/3

Item No.7
All that piece and parcel of agricultural wet land bearing Survey No. 226/*/3measuring 02 Acres 50 Cents situated at K.Badaga Village, Sreemangala Hobli, Ponnampete Taluk, Kodagu District and bounded as follows:
East by : Land in Survey No. 225/*/1 And 225/*/3 West by : Land in Survey No. 216/*/2 And 215/*/2
North by : Land in Survey No. 219/*/3, 226/*/2 and 219/*/1 South by : Land in Survey No. 226/*/1

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KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
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Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-30/532/2025-26 **Date: 10.07.2025**

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tenders under two cover bid system is invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the works mentioned below:

Name of the Work : 1) Formation of asphalt Road including construction of RCC Side drains, deck slab and water supply pipeline at Sublayout -2 at Badanaguppe Kellamballi Industrial Area, Chamarajanagar District. **2)** Reconstruction of asphalt Roads including construction of RCC Side drains and providing & laying of HDPE water supply pipe line of Hebbal and Hootagalli Industrial Area, Mysuru Taluk & District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **30.07.2025** upto **4.00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

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IN THE LIMELIGHT

David Corenswet in a scene from *Superman* (2025). AP

Curse of perfectionism: Why Superman is a timeless superhero we could all relate to?

Superman, often dismissed as an outdated fantasy, mirrors relevant social constraints as a saviour burdened by the need to be flawless in a world suspicious of the non-conforming, as a misfit who needs to hide who he is to cope with the fear of not belonging

Bhuvanesh Chandar

When comic book writers Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster debuted the red-caped crusader in 'Action Comics #1' in 1938, Superman was a necessity. He was a collective champion who was meant to be a ray of hope for the less fortunate children; a preacher who shone light on a world reeling from the economic depression; a Jewish icon against anti-Semitism; an alien who shattered the misconceptions attached to immigrants; an advocate of the American dream, and a powerful voice against injustice who offered a fantasy escape for the working-class. Born in one of the most vulnerable eras in modern history, he had to be the perfect hero, so perfect that only something not of this Earth, like Kryptonite from his home world, could weaken him.

Ironically, the very society that once necessitated a perfect superhero has now largely deemed him irrelevant. In 2025, Superman is often dismissed as an outdated fantasy. Compared with the 'real' superheroes from DC and Marvel, he's often criticised as a product of an absurd myth – superhero origin stories now need to happen on Earth – and as an overpowerful entity who is too alien to our reality.

But what Superman critics often miss is this: the Man of Steel does have a weakness – not Kryptonite – but a compulsive need to be perfect, and the perennial struggle of being too perfect in a world suspicious of those who stand out.

The quiet exile

"Perfectionism," says American clinical psychologist and author Anne Wilson Schaef, "is self-abuse of the highest order." Living in a society that constantly sets up ideals to live up to, we try to become the perfect version of who we and others think we should be. It's a cage we put ourselves in – a lonely pursuit towards an impossible, abstract ideal. Life as a human can feel so fragile that even failing in a daily routine seems like the end of the world.

Superman has always mirrored this complex compulsion. He's intrinsically a character designed to replicate society's notion of perfection – chiselled jaws, fit body, handsome, gentlemanly, and a farm boy who has touched grass and can see right from wrong. In Richard Donner's *Superman* (1978), Christopher Reeve's Man of Steel, anguished by the death of his sweetheart Lois Lane, even breaks cosmic laws to bring her back. In Zack Snyder's *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice* (2016), Henry Cavill's Superman pleads to Batman to 'save Martha,' his adopted mother, in a vulnerable moment that paints him as a tragic figure still beating himself for not being able to save his adopted father, Jonathan Kent (Kevin Costner). Unlike other superheroes, being invincible is non-negotiable for Superman.

"Superman cannot kill" – this is a code every depiction of the superhero has followed. When fiction decides to break that code, he is often pushed to the other extreme, as a monster in alternate depictions such as Brightburn, Homelander (*The Boys*) and Omni-Man (*Invincible*). In DC, even the evil Superman in Donner's third film doesn't go to the extent of killing; while Zack Snyder's reign at the now-defunct DCEU ended before we could see an evil Superman (hinted at the Knightmare sequence in *BVS*), the scene in which Superman reluctantly kills General Zod elucidates this moral tussle. In fact, unlike most superheroes, Superman can never allow himself to be who he truly is or use his powers to their full potential.

Loneliness of being too good

The Last Son of Krypton is often depicted as a god-like entity who must learn to live gently among fragile beings. But seldom have films depicted the fear of isolation and frustration that comes from not being allowed to be yourself. As Superman's alter ego, Clark Kent, he has to refrain from using his full potential – even holding a glass of water too tightly could cause trouble – to avoid being detected. He must suppress parts of himself even from Lois.

Fascinatingly, this isn't always about protecting his identity.

In the 1978 film, the first dialogue his father tells him is, "Been showing off a bit, haven't you, son?" for an inconsequential prank he pulls off on his friends. Clark responds, "Is it showing off if someone is doing the things he's capable of doing? Is a bird showing off when it flies?" Is Superman showing off if he is...Superman? Now, watch what Jonathan replies: "When you first came to us, we thought people would come and take you away because, when they found out, you know, the things you could do... and that worried us a lot. But then a man gets older, and he starts thinking differently, and things get very clear. And one thing I do know, son, and that is you are here for a reason."

Clark can also be seen as a mask that a misfit needs to wear. Even his reluctance to open up to Lois portrays him as a tragic figure who must wear the hat of a journalist to fit in. It's his only survival strategy and the only way he could be 'tolerated.' In a world that demands conformity and alienates misfits, Clark is the only way to cope with the loneliness that comes with being a tad too brilliant than the rest. It's easy to be what they want you to be – wear a pair of spectacles, and they'll see a man who vanishes into a crowd.

Working under the compulsive need to be perfect, Superman retreats into his Clark Kent identity whenever things go out of order. In *Dawn of Justice*, shaken by the Senate bombing and media trial, Superman internalises the disapproval and questions his own purpose. Usually wielding a strong moral compass, he seems more affected by how others see him, reflecting an internal crisis between who he wishes to be and who he is expected to be.

A fascinating parallel comes in *Superman II* (1980), where Clark is left bloodied by a bully at a bar. His sense of self-worth crumbles. He realises that Clark isn't who he is supposed to be – it's a ruse.

Alternatively, Superman's struggle as an ideal is pronounced well when supervillains appear envious of his image as the leader of humankind. In James Gunn's upcoming Superman film, Lex Luthor's conflict reportedly stems from the belief that he – not Superman (David Corenswet) – is better suited to lead humankind.

Superman is the epitome of perfectionism, a freak who isn't allowed to be, and that makes him the rarest of superheroes in the history of fiction. You don't need a Kryptonite spear to threaten him. He is already his own Kryptonite.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Today marks 65 years since the publication of the Harper Lee classic '*To Kill a Mockingbird*'. Here is a quiz about five equally definitive novels of the 20th century

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1

In this dystopian novel famous for its exploration of surveillance and totalitarianism — and which was published 35 years before the date in its title — what is the name of the omnipresent authoritarian leader symbolising oppressive control?

QUESTION 2

This novel has been celebrated for its critique of the "American dream" during the Jazz Age. It was however a commercial failure when it was published in 1925. In its pages, name the mysterious millionaire known for lavish parties and his obsession with Daisy Buchanan.

QUESTION 3

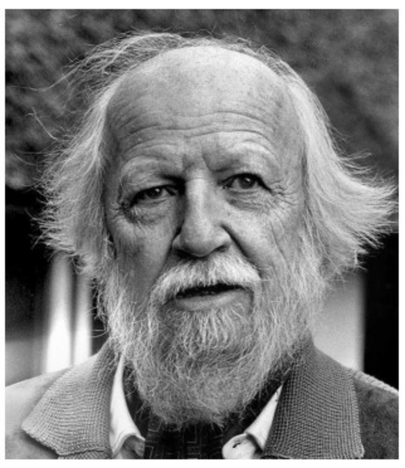
First published in 1967, the book quickly came to be hailed as one of the greatest achievements of literature worldwide. A landmark of magical realism, the book chronicles the Buendía family saga in what fictional town that symbolises isolation and cyclical history?

QUESTION 4

Known for its satirical take on the absurdity of war, _____ is named for a paradoxical military rule in its plot that traps soldiers in a no-win situation. Fill in the blank with the book's name that has also entered regular use as a term of the English language.

QUESTION 5

In the vein of the narratives woven by James Joyce and Marcel Proust, the plot of __ ___ _____ (1927) was subservient to its stream-of-consciousness style and exploration of time and perception. Fill in the blank with the name of this book, whose story also bears many similarities to its author's life.



Visual Question:

Name this British writer best known for his debut novel, renowned for its exploration of human nature and societal breakdown.

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Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Name this biographical film on the life of a Nobel-winning mathematician. What was the diagnosis the doctor made? **Ans: A Beautiful Mind, schizophrenia**

2. In the Tamil movie *Thenali*, Kamal Hassan plays the titular character. What condition is he suffering from? **Ans: Panophobia/pantophobia or Omniphobia, or a generalised fear of everything**

3. In the delightful animation Finding Nemo, Dory is portrayed as a fish with short term memory loss. What is the scientific term? **Ans: anterograde amnesia**

4. In his role as Christy Brown, Daniel Day Lewis delivers an Oscar winning performance of a young man diagnosed with _____ at birth. **Ans: Cerebral Palsy**

5. This film is loosely inspired by the writer's own experience with cancer. What kind of rare cancer does the protagonist have? **Ans: Schwannoma neurofibrosarcoma, or cancer of the spine**

Visual question: Satine is diagnosed with what condition? **Ans: Tuberculosis (consumption)**

Earby Birds: Tamal Biswas | Siddhartha Viswanathan | Erfanally Oosmany | Suchit Narottam

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian
S. Upendran

"How do you pronounce cajole?"

"Well, the 'a' in the first syllable is like the 'a' in 'China.' And the second syllable 'jole', rhymes with the words 'hole,' 'mole' and 'soul'. The word is pronounced caJOLE with the second syllable 'jole', rhyming with the words 'hole,' 'mole' and 'soul'."

"The word is pronounced caJOLE with the stress on the second syllable?"

"That's right! Do you know what cajole means?"

"Doesn't it mean to 'flatter' or something?"

"Right again. When you cajole someone into doing something, you get them to do it by flattering them, praising them, or by saying other things that they want to hear. For example, the salesman cajoled my boss into buying a new suit."

"Can I say, I tried to cajole Sujatha into doing my homework?"

"You certainly can. Was she cajoled into doing it?"

"No, she told me to get lost. I tell you, that girl is not easy to cajole."

"From what I read in the newspapers, it looks like you can cajole politicians into doing anything."

"Provided you have the money, of course."

"That's true. You know what they say, money talks."

"Talking about money, is there a difference between 'The bank adjoins the library' and 'The bank is adjacent to the library'?"

"Yes, there is. First of all, the 'd' in the word a-d-j-a-c-e-n-t is not pronounced."

"You mean it's silent?"

"That's right. The first syllable 'ad' sounds like the 'a' in 'China.'

The second syllable 'ja' is pronounced exactly like the letter 'j'."

"So, the second syllable rhymes with the words 'hay,' 'way' and 'pay'?"

"Yes. The 'e' in the final syllable 'cent' is like the 'a' in 'China.'"

"Not China again! And I suppose the stress is on the second syllable 'ja.'"

"That's right. It's pronounced adjacent."

"But what does adjacent mean?"

"Well, if you say the bank is adjacent to the library, it means that the bank is next to the library."

"'Adjacent' means 'next to'. I see. So, I can say, my house is adjacent to Mohan's."

"You certainly can. Here's another example. My sister's room is adjacent to mine."

"Ok. But what does 'adjoin' mean?"

"Once again, the 'd' in the first syllable is not pronounced."

"So the first syllable in the words 'adjoin' and 'adjacent' are pronounced like the 'a' in China?"

"Yes. And the second syllable 'join' is exactly like the word 'join'."

"What's the difference between 'adjoin' and 'adjacent'."

"'Adjoin,' like the word 'adjacent' means 'next to.' When you say 'The bank adjoins the library,' it means that the two buildings are next to each other and that they are touching each other."

"So, 'adjoins' means 'touching'?"

"You could say."

"So, if I said, Shanthi 70mm adjoins Shanthi 35mm, does it mean that the two theatres are touching each other?"

"Correct."

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Word of the day

Peregrinate:
travel around, through, or over, especially on foot

Synonyms: walk, roam, wander

Usage: *After retiring, he decided to peregrinate across India.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/peregrinatepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /perəgrɪneɪt/

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BBMP calls for tenders to feed 4,000 stray dogs one meal a day

Each dog has to be fed at least 600 grams of cooked food with about 750 kcal, along with water, before 11 a.m. every day

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a first-of-its-kind effort to reduce the aggression of stray dogs over unavailability of food in many areas of the city, the civic body has decided to feed the dogs.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has floated a one-year tender where contractors will have to feed stray dogs one meal a day at around 100 spots selected by the civic body, based on a lack of feeders and availability of food.

Each such spot will be assigned a maximum of five stray dogs, the tender document says.

This will add up to around 4,000 stray dogs a day. The population of stray dogs in the city is pegged at over 2.7 lakh, as per a recent survey. The BBMP has estimated that it will cost the civic body ₹2.88 crore a year.

"We have been observing that one of the main reasons for aggression of stray dogs and increase in dog bite cases has been unavailability of food. Following a case, where a senior citizen was killed in a stray dog attack in Jalahalli last year, we tried to create a community-led dog-feeding initiative. But it did not work very well. So, the civic body has taken up this initiative. We will study its impact, whether it will reduce dog bite cases around the feeding spots," said Suralkar Vikas Kishor, Special Commissioner (Health), BBMP.

Meal plan per dog

Nutrients	Ingredients	Quantity (Raw)	Calories
Carbohydrates (50-60%)	Raw rice	150 grams	360 kcal
Protein (15-20%)	Raw chicken	100 grams	240 kcal
Fat (10-15%)	Edible oil	10 grams	90 kcal
Vitamins and minerals	Vegetables	100 grams	60 kcal
Salt (1%)	—	5 grams	—
Turmeric (0.5%)	As anti bacterial agent	2.5 grams	—
Total	—	367.5 grams	750 kcal

Approximately 600 grams of cooked food per dog

As per a recent survery, the population of stray dogs in the city is pegged at over 2.7 lakh. FILE PHOTO

The tender document available with *The Hindu* shows that these dogs will be fed with cooked rice, chicken, vegetables, oil, salt, and turmeric. Each dog has to be fed at least 600 grams of cooked food with about 750 kcal, along with water, before 11 a.m. every day, it said.

Contractors have to cook the food in a centralised kitchen in each zone using certified raw materials, transport it in their own vehicles that will be fitted with GPS tracking devices.

Dogs should be fed in reusable utensils, which need to be cleaned every day after the feed. Contractors have to send geotagged photographic evidence of the feed every day. The feeding spots, 100 a zone, will be identified by the Zonal Assistant Director, Animal Husbandry, based on the availability of dogs and their struggle to find food in the area.

Case against two unidentified cyber fraudsters for attempting to extort Upalokayukta

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Central Division Cybercrime Police have registered a case against two unidentified cyber fraudsters, who, posing as legal consultants from the Data Protection Board of India, allegedly tried to intimidate Upalokayukta K.N. Phaneendra with a fake case, in what seemed to be a possible extortion bid.

Based on the complaint filed by Mr. Phaneendra, the police have charged the accused under Sections 66 (D) (cheating by personation) and Section 84 (C) (punishment for attempting to commit offences) of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

According to the complaint, on Wednesday around 1 p.m., Mr. Phaneendra said that he received a call on his mobile and the person identified himself as Deepak Kumar Sharma, a senior legal consultant, and also introduced his accomplice Rahul Kumar Sharma, junior consultant from the Data Protection Board of India's Mumbai office.

The accused told him that his Aadhaar card had been linked to a phone number which had been used for illegal activities. Realising that it was a cyber fraud call, Mr. Phaneendra asked them to give it in writing or send a legal notice so that he can take it up further.

"This is the third time I am receiving such a call and I know how to handle them," Mr. Phaneendra told *The Hindu*, adding that he reprimanded the accused and disconnected the call, even as they tried to continue the conversation by not only trying to intimidate him, but also offering to resolve the issue.

Mr. Phaneendra lodged the complaint with the phone number from which he received the call.

The police have launched a probe into the matter.

Govt. plans to prescribe NCERT textbooks from class 1 for State board schools

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The State government is planning to prescribe the National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) textbooks from Class 1 to all students of State board schools. Presently, the NCERT textbooks are prescribed to students in high school.

Following a representation by the Government Primary School Teachers' Association demanding the same, Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh recently held a meeting with the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) and office-bearers of the association, where the government has in-principle accepted this, sources said.

The government will scrap the existing Nali-Kali programme, a multi-class teaching programme where students from classes 1, 2, and 3 are taught by a single teacher in one classroom, currently practised only in government and aided schools. Instead, these students will be separated into different classes, assign them different teachers, and teach them NCERT textbooks. "The Nali-Kali scheme is not working properly in the State. Therefore, there is a discussion at the government level regarding scrapping it and implementing NCERT textbooks from Class 1 in all State curriculum schools, including government, aided, and private schools across the State. However, the government will take a final decision in this regard," said K.V. Trilok Chandra, Commissioner of Public Instruction.

Raising issues with the Nali-Kali programme, the association had petitioned the State government to abolish the same and prescribe the NCERT textbooks to ensure quality education from primary classes itself, even in government and aided schools.

"The Nali-Kali system has failed in primary education, and the quality of learning of students is going down. Due to this, the number of children in government schools is decreasing every year. So, we have requested the government to abandon the Nali-Kali system and prescribe the NCERT textbooks from class 1," said Chandrashekara Nuggali, general secretary of the association.

BWSSB's phone-in programme today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will conduct a phone-in programme on Friday from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Citizens will have the opportunity to speak directly with BWSSB Chairman V. Ram Prasat Manohar during this hour-long session.

Residents can call 080-22945119 or 080-22229639 to voice their concerns.

'No fee hike for nursing courses'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Sharan Prakash Patil

The State government has announced that there will be no fee hike for nursing courses this academic year. Minister for Medical Education and Skill Development Sharan Prakash Patil said this in a meeting with the Association of Nursing Colleges at Vikasa Soudha on Thursday.

"The government will not allow any increase in the fees. Most nursing students come from rural and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Imposing additional fees is unjust and unacceptable," said Dr. Patil, rejecting the association's plea to raise the fees. He said that the existing fee structure, ₹10,000 under the government quota, ₹1 lakh under the management quota, and ₹1.4 lakh for the non-Karnataka students, will continue. "Any college charging more than the approved fee will face penalties and legal action. We will not hesitate to revoke their affiliation," he said.

Currently, there are 611 nursing colleges in the State with around 35,000 seats. Of these, 80% are filled by the management, and 20% fall under the government quota.

He directed the Karnataka Examination Authority to ensure reimbursement of fees to nursing colleges within 30 days.

CeNS scientists develop sensor to detect toxic sulphur dioxide

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

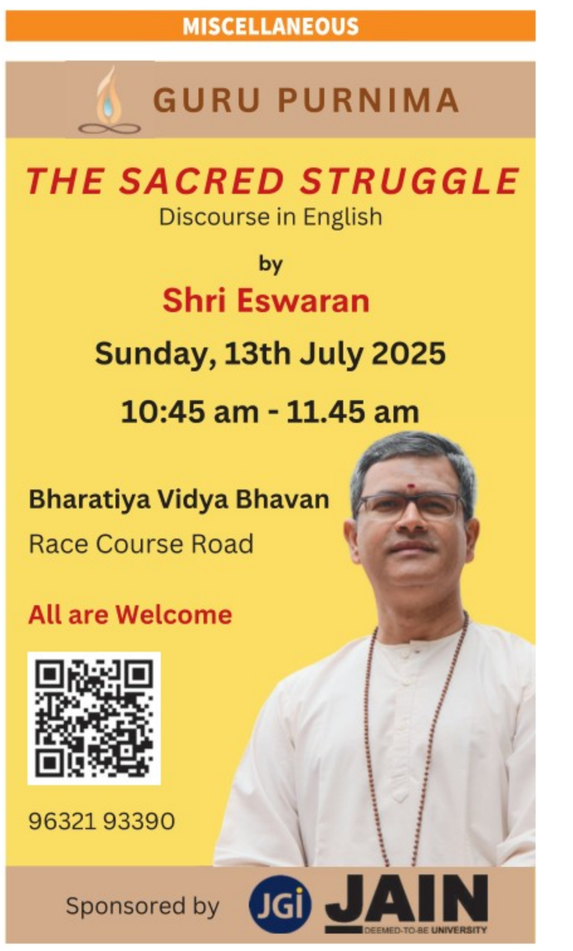
Scientists from the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS) have developed a pocket-sized sensor that can help detect toxic sulphur dioxide (SO_2), which is responsible for respiratory irritation, asthma attacks, and long-term lung damage, even at extremely low concentrations.

According to the Department of Science and Technology, SO_2 is a toxic air pollutant commonly released from vehicles and industrial emissions, and even minute exposure can cause serious health issues and long-term lung damage. It is said that SO_2 is hard to detect before it has an adverse effect on health. "Monitoring SO_2 levels in real-time is crucial for public safety and environmental protection, yet existing technologies are often expensive, energy-intensive, or unable to detect the gas at trace levels," it said.

To overcome this, the CeNS scientists have fabricated a sensor by combining two metal oxides, nickel oxide (NiO) and neodymium nickelate ($NdNiO_3$), through a simple synthesis process. "While NiO acts as the receptor for the gas, $NdNiO_3$ serves as the transducer that efficiently transmits the signal, enabling detection at concentrations as low as 320 parts per billion (ppb), far surpassing the sensitivity of many commercial sensors," the department said.

To demonstrate the capabilities of this material, the team led by S. Angappane developed a portable prototype that incorporates the sensor for real-time SO_2 monitoring. It features a straightforward threshold-based alert system that activates visual indicators, green for safe, yellow for warning, and red for danger, allowing easy interpretation and response, even by users without scientific expertise. Its compact and lightweight design makes it suitable for use in industrial areas, urban locations, and enclosed spaces where continuous air quality monitoring is necessary.

"With its high sensitivity, portability, and user-friendly operation, this sensor system offers a practical solution to monitor and manage SO_2 pollution, supporting public health, and environmental safety," it added.



‘Only 10 are confirmed cardiac deaths; 75% of the deceased had known risk factors’

The committee studied data over the past few months and concluded that there is no increasing trend of cardiac deaths in the State

HEART ATTACK DEATHS IN HASSAN

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Putting to rest public anxiety over the perceived surge in sudden heart attack deaths during May-June in Hassan district, the State-appointed expert committee has ruled out any unusual rise in such deaths in the district when compared to previous year and months.

The committee, headed by K.S. Ravindranath, director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, submitted its report to Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Thursday.

While four of the 24 deaths were due to non-cardiac reasons (chronic kidney disease, road traffic accident, acute gastroenteritis and suspected electrocution), only 10 of the remaining 20 were confirmed cardiac deaths.

The committee found that 19 heart attack deaths had occurred during May-June 2024 in the district. Since January, an average of 10 heart attack deaths have been reported every month in the district, the committee found.

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dinesh Gundu Rao receiving the report from K.S. Ravindranath, professor of cardiology and director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, in Bengaluru on Thursday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The expert committee’s investigation in Hassan has revealed significant limitations in accurately determining the cause of death in some cases

The 10 confirmed cardiac deaths included those with pre-existing heart disease, those who had undergone bypass surgery, angioplasty, and had dilated cardiomyopathy (heart failure). The remaining 10 have been classified as “probable” cardiac deaths based on presentation, risk factors, and symptoms.

As six of the 20 deceased include autorickshaw and cab drivers, the committee has recommended cardiac screening for these drivers.

The committee that analysed data of cardiac cases at Jayadeva institute in Bengaluru and its peripheral centres in Mysuru and Kalaburagi in the last six months has concluded that it does not show any increasing trend of cardiac deaths in the State. “Besides, definitive conclusions about the cause of death in each case are limited due to lack of autopsy data, clinical data and limited history from family members,” stated the report.

Scattered, not clustered

Addressing presspersons after accepting the report, the Health Minister said the committee had found that the reported deaths were scattered and not clustered.

“The committee has found that 75% of the deceased had known cardiac risk profiles, and many had identifiable risk factors such as smoking, alcohol use, obesity, hypertension, or a family history of heart disease. However, in several cases, there was no prior diagnosis or indication of existing heart disease, and the sudden nature of death - often during sleep or immediately following mild symptoms - demands serious attention,” he said.

The expert committee’s investigation in Hassan has revealed significant limitations in accurately determining the cause of death in some cases. In many instances, the individuals were not brought to any healthcare facility prior to death, and even among those who were declared brought dead at hospitals, formal post-mortem examinations were not performed.

No autopsy data

“This lack of autopsy data critically hampers the ability to confirm whether these were truly cardiac-related deaths or due to alternative causes.

Furthermore, essential clinical investigations such as ECGs, cardiac enzymes, or imaging were unavailable in many cases, making retrospective diagnosis speculative at best,” the Minister said.

Challenge

“Compounding the challenge was the limited cooperation from the relatives of the deceased in several cases, which rendered verbal autopsy efforts largely inconclusive. In the absence of reliable eyewitness accounts, clinical data, and post-mortem findings, establishing a definitive cause of death for each case becomes inherently difficult. These gaps in documentation and diagnostic confirmation highlight the need for systemic improvements in emergency response protocols, mandatory post-mortem guidelines for sudden deaths, and better community engagement during such investigations to ensure accurate cause-of-death assessments in the future,” stated the report.

Expert committee findings

- 24 sudden heart attack deaths reported during May-June in Hassan district
- Four were non-cardiac and 10 were cardiac
- 14 persons aged below 45
- Autopsy and ECG evidence available only for seven deaths
- More than 75% had one or more risk factors such as per existing heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, smoking, alcohol, obesity, and family history
- Deaths were scattered and not clustered

‘Sudden deaths in relatively young individuals a matter of concern’

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The committee has recommended that the State govt. ensure availability of ECG machines and emergency cardiac medicines for cases of heart attack in all PHCs and CHCs

While the expert committee set up by the State government to investigate the perceived rise in sudden heart attack deaths in Hassan district during May-June has ruled out any rise in sudden heart attack deaths, it has noted a concerning trend of deaths among relatively young individuals.

‘Raising red flags’

According to the committee’s report, 14 of the 24 deceased in the district during May-June were aged below 45 years. “Although four of the 24 deaths were non-cardiac deaths, sudden deaths in relatively young individuals aged 19, 21,, 23, 32 37, 38 and 43 years is a matter of concern and cannot be overlooked. While limitations in data collection and diagnostic confirmation are acknowledged, the clustering of deaths in this younger age group does raise red flags, particularly in the context of rising cardiovascular risk factors in the population,” Dr Ravindranath told *The Hindu*.

Undiagnosed issues

“What is more worrisome is most of the young deceased had undiagnosed cardiac issues. Among the deceased whose autopsy reports are available, we found a 21-year-old girl had undiagnosed familial hypercholesterolemia (a condition characterised by high levels of cholesterol in the blood) with up to 90% blockage in three blood vessels. Another autopsy report of a 19-year-old boy showed 90% blockage in blood vessels,” Dr. Ravindranath said.

Early screening

Pointing out that the occurrence of sudden deaths in younger adults definitely underscores the growing burden of premature cardiovascular disease, he said it calls for early cardiovascular screening programmes and health education.

Recommending establishment of mandatory investigation protocols (including post-mortems) for all sudden deaths in apparently healthy young adults, the committee has reiterated that all out of hospital sudden cardiac deaths should undergo autopsy to confirm/rule out the cause of death as cardiac. Apart from this, the committee has recommended that the State government ensure availability of ECG machines and emergency cardiac medicines such as Ecosprin, Clopidogrel, Atorvastatin and Heparin for cases of heart attack in all Primary and Community Health Centres. The other recommendations included CPR training for focused groups such as school and college students, teachers, and physical trainers in gyms and availability of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in public places.

Power cut

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

There will be disruption in power supply between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. from July 11 to 13 because of infrastructure upgrades on the Sarjapura-Attibele 66 kV line.

Power supply will be disrupted in areas serviced by the following stations: Yadavanahalli, Ichanguru, Vaddarapalya, Attibele Industrial Area, Balagaranahalli, Manchanahalli, Attibele Town, Mayasandra, Dasanapura, Balluru, Kamblipura, Chikkanahalli, Indlabele, Harohalli, Anekal Town, Kaval Hosahalli, Gowrenahalli, Haldenahalli, Hompalagatta, Choodenahalli, Honnakalahapura, Karapuru, Byagadadenhalli, Kada Agrahara, Chikkahagade, Doddahagade, Samanduru, Rachammannahalli, Guddanahalli, Aravantigepura, P. Gollahalli, Telagarahalli, and Vanakanahalli.

City businessman gets threat call from man claiming to be Lawrence Bishnoi

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A city-based plywood businessman, on Thursday, lodged a complaint with the Seshadripuram police over an extortion threat call he got from a man who claimed to be gangster Lawrence Bishnoi.

Lawrence Bishnoi, presently lodged in Sabarmati Central Jail, Gujarat, is linked to several shootouts in India and Canada. If true, this is the first case of threat call being made by his gang to a businessman in Karnataka.

₹1 crore demanded

The complainant said that the man who claimed to be Lawrence Bishnoi asked him to pay up ₹1 crore, failing which he threatened to abduct his son. Based on his complaint, an FIR was registered at Seshadripuram Police Station on Thursday.

A senior police official said that there was no confirmation on the identity of the caller, and the investigation was under way.

“At this stage, the case is still open. It could be the gangster himself or a copycat or a prankster as well,” the officer said.

Three-day plant fair on GKVK campus

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A three-day plant fair, organised by the University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkote, will commence on Friday at the Regional Horticultural Research and Extension Centre (RHREC), on Yelahanka Road, within the GKVK campus in Vidyaranyapura.

The event, scheduled from July 11 to 13, brings together a variety of horticultural displays is open to the public. More information is available on the university’s official website.

ED raids five premises linked to Subba Reddy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The raids have been connected to allegations of undisclosed foreign assets held by the Congress MLA and his family members

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has been conducting raids on five premises in Bengaluru linked to Bagepalli Congress MLA S. N. Subba Reddy, pertaining to alleged violations of Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999.

The raids were connected to allegations of undisclosed foreign assets held by Mr. Reddy and his family members. “The allegations contain details of the money allegedly held by Mr. Reddy in foreign bank accounts, investment in purchase of vehicle and immovable properties in jurisdiction spanning across Malaysia, Hong Kong, and Germany,” the ED stated on July 10. Raids are on at the Bengaluru residence of Mr. Reddy, and his business entities, along with key associates, ED stated.

Mr. Reddy, a hotelier and a real estate businessman, won as an independent candidate from Bagepalli Assembly constituency in 2013. He later joined the Indian National Congress and won as the party’s candidate from the same constituency in 2018 and 2023. He is presently the Chairman of Karnataka Seeds Corporation.

State to have dedicated Revenue Recovery Units in each district to implement RERA, civil court orders

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Dedicated Revenue Recovery Units will likely be formed under each district Deputy Commissioner (DC) in Karnataka by August. These units will be tasked with implementing Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA-K) and civil court orders, sources said.

This has been a long-standing demand of homebuyers and RERA-K. Sources said that the Chief Secretary recently chaired a multi-department meeting in which a decision was taken to form these units by the end of July, or by August.

However, these units will be tasked with not just implementing RERA-K’s revenue recovery orders from erring builders, but also implement civil court orders, whose pendency is said to be several times more than RERA-K orders, a senior official said.

Latest data shows revenue recovery orders have been passed in 1,815 cases as of May 31, 2025, amounting to ₹821.75 crore of which ₹97.36 crore has been recovered till date. FILE PHOTO

The non-implementation of revenue recovery orders – orders issued to collect the penalty or compensation imposed on an erring builder as arrears of pending land revenue when the builder fails to pay the same – has been a long-standing problem ever since RERA-K was established in 2017, and it has essentially robbed RERA-K of the bite it legally has. Latest data from RERA-K shows that revenue recovery orders have been passed in 1,815 cases as of May 31, 2025, amounting to ₹821.75 crore of which ₹97.36 crore has been recovered till date.

Of these cases, Bengaluru Urban district alone has 1,762 cases in which RERA-K has issued revenue recovery orders for ₹806.92 crore of which only ₹96.36 crore has been recovered.

“This has only meant erring builders haven’t been made to tow the line and home-buyers, even after waging a successful legal battle, are left high and dry as the orders are not at all implemented,” said M. S. Shankar, general secretary, Forum for People’s Collective Efforts (FPCE).

Workload cited

The matter was discussed in the Subordinate Legislation Committee of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly in 2024. RERA-K was directed to examine and submit a proposal for an alternative arrangement for implementation of revenue recovery orders.

Following this, RERA-K Secretary wrote to the Housing Department in November 2024 saying, on examining, it was found that revenue officials were not able to pay attention to implementing RERA-K orders due to workload and suggested forming dedicated Revenue Recovery Units in the Revenue Department.

Headed by Special DC

The letter, a copy of which is available with *The Hindu*, proposes a unit headed by a Special Deputy Commissioner, with two dedicated tehsildars under him, and a total of 24 personnel in the unit for Bengaluru Urban district, where both revenue recovery orders and its pendency are very high.

Mr. Shankar welcomed the decision to form Revenue Recovery Units under DCs in all districts.

“A dedicated unit to implement these orders will give some bite to RERA-K orders. This will, in turn, make builders follow guidelines properly,” he hoped.

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The rush hour: Students arriving at a school in Bengaluru. Schools being run without the extent of land available for playground or to park school buses is a common problem across the city. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Schools without rules

From not being registered as per rules to not having land to even hold the morning assembly, many schools in Bengaluru are 'unauthorised' on several counts. But there is no consistent effort to monitor them and hold them to account, writes **Jayanth R.**

An FIR was registered at the High Grounds Police station in Bengaluru recently against a private school management for admitting 10 students who had scored low marks in class 9 to a government school and getting them to write the Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) examination as private candidates through that school. The private school had collected fees, and they attended classes there through the year too. The police registered the case based on a complaint by the parents.

This is not an isolated case and violations of this and other kinds happen year after year, many of which go under the radar.

"My son was admitted to a private school in our area because it is close to our house and has relatively low fees. However, during the SSLC exam, he was registered with another school, and he wrote the exam as the other school's student. When the school management was questioned about this, they asked what was important for us: our son writing the exam or which school he was writing it from. We kept quiet for the sake of our son's future," says Gayatri Devi, a parent from Bengaluru who faced this situation three years ago. This happened because the school where her son was first admitted was unauthorised.

Apart from admission and examination rule violations, there have been cases where the norms concerning the very process of setting up schools have been flouted. FILE PHOTO

Another parent, Rajashekar, says that last year, a private school whose recognition was not renewed registered its students in the name of a nearby aided school for the SSLC exam. "When we raised this issue, the school management claimed that they were doing it with the permission of the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board. Our daughter, who actually studied in a private school, is now, as per the documents, a student of an aided school," he adds.

There are several instances of students from unauthorised schools taking the exam as "private" candidates. In 2024-25, a total of 13,154 students and in 2023-24, a total of 15,479 students were enrolled for the SSLC exam as private candidates. "Among these, many might have been from unauthorised schools," a source in the board said.

Many unauthorised schools are running across the State, violating the rules and regulations of the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL). With officials either unable to stop them or choosing to look the other way, there are no curbs on them.

Other rules related to land etc.

Apart from admission and examination rule violations, there have also been cases where the norms concerning the very process of setting up schools have been flouted.

In the Karnataka Educational Institutions (Classification, Regulation and Prescription of Curricula, etc.,) Rules, 1995, there was no rule pertaining to the specific extent of land that needs to be available for establishing new schools. Only the conversion of land for educational purposes and compliance with other rules were mandatory.

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> **SHASHIKUMAR D.,** general secretary of the Associated Managements of English Medium Schools in Karnataka

But the rules were amended in 2017. According to the Karnataka Educational Institutions (Classification, Regulation and Prescription of Curricula, etc., Amendment) Rules, 2017, every private body of persons desiring to establish and maintain an educational institution imparting pre-primary, primary, secondary, and higher secondary education should own or have on lease for a minimum period of 30 years following minimum contiguous extent of land for the building and playground with permission from relevant authorities. The extent of land varies, as per the number of classes. For instance, an educational institution in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and other municipal corporation areas running pre-primary to higher secondary classes must have 2,000 square metres of land. And in other areas, it is 4,000 sq. m.

Consent of local residents mandatory

Additionally, various rules, including those governing land conversion for educational purposes, the building map, and fire and building safety norms, must be followed. Also, it is mandatory to obtain the consent of the local residents before starting a school in any residential area. The Block Education Officer (BEO) of the block concerned should inspect and submit a report to the government in this regard.

But many schools that started after 2017-18 in Bengaluru city have not followed any of these rules. Schools being run without the extent of land available for playground, morning assembly, or to park school buses is a common occurrence across the city, and residents constantly complain about the "nuisance" created by schools owing to this. There are neighbourhoods where moving on the streets around schools, around the time of schools starting or being let off for the day, is virtually impossible. Traffic jams are created by parents' vehicles and school vans before and after school hours. The noise is often unbearable, especially for senior citizens, toddlers, and those suffering from medical conditions, complain neighbours.

"There is a private school near our house, which is always noisy. School vehicles are brought and parked in front of our house. We have complained to the police and the school administration many times, but to no avail. It is difficult to move around due to the traffic jam. It is even impossible to sleep peacefully. The government should not allow schools in residential areas. If a school has been started illegally, it should be closed," says Ramachandra Gowda, a senior citizen.

Minister's U-turn

In 2022-23, the DSEL conducted a survey and identified 1,316 schools across the State as unauthorised. Among these, the department listed 63 schools as running without State or Central board affiliation, 294 schools as illegally offering English-medium education despite permission to teach only in the Kannada medium, and 141 schools for shifting without getting permission from the department, and so on. The department had granted a 45-day grace period for these schools to comply with the rules and rectify their mistakes in April 2023. But these schools failed to act within the stipulated period. The Commissioner of Public Instruction then ordered closure of these unauthorised schools by August 14, 2023.

But Madhu Bangarappa, Minister for School Education and Literacy, made a U-turn a day after the department ordered the closure of unauthorised private schools and announced that "in the interest of students", they would defer this order and "initiate action in a phased manner".

After five months, on January 9, 2024, the DSEL issued a circular to list unauthorised schools and decided to take legal action against violators. However, due to strong opposition from private schools, the department again abandoned the survey to identify unauthorised schools. After this, it has neither conducted a survey of unauthorised schools nor taken legal action against them.

"Officials, BEOs, and Deputy Directors of Public Instruction have utterly failed to monitor and take legal action against illegal schools. In the interest of students and parents, illegal schools should be closed. But, most of the private schools are run by either the kith and kin of politicians or their close associates. Therefore, officials are also under pressure not to take action, and parents and children end up facing exploitation," says Umesh G. Gangavadi, State president of the School Development and Monitoring Committee.

Shashikumar D., general secretary of the Associated Managements of English Medium Schools in Karnataka, claims, "About 90% of the schools started in the State since the new rules came into effect in 2017-18 are operating illegally. The land conversion of most of the schools has not been done. There is not enough space in any residential area to open private schools if you go strictly by rules."

He argued that despite being aware of this, the department is giving permission for opening schools. "We have written to the School Education Minister several times to take action against unauthorised schools, but to no avail. For example, in a case against an unauthorised school in Hassan district, the court has ordered an investigation and appropriate action against the school and guilty officials, but the authorities have simply not implemented the order. The school has continued its academic activities, including enrollment, this year as well. A letter has been written to the Commissioner of the DPI to take action against the school in question," says Shashikumar.

Annapurna, a parent in Bengaluru, says schools keep parents and children in the dark about the rules and affiliation status. "Even the authorities do not take strict action against such schools. We enrol our children, and the true colours of the school are revealed only when the students have to take the board exams. Therefore, the government should immediately close unauthorised schools and prevent exploitation of students and parents," she says.

The Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) has taken a serious view of these violations, since the children are the ultimate victims of the system.

"Some private educational institutions are in effect taking away the right to education of children. Such traumas that children experience during their teenage haunt them for a long time. We will write to the DSEL and ask for details about unauthorised schools in the State. We will also specifically ask for information about private schools where students are appearing for the SSLC exam as private candidates through other schools, and the steps taken by the department against them. In addition, the commission has also decided to take up a *suo motu* case and investigate the schools where FIRs have already been registered in connection with cases of cheating children," says K. Naganna Gowda, chairperson of the KSCPCR.

A concern: A file photo of schoolchildren crossing a road in Bengaluru. People living around schools that have come up in residential areas have complained about traffic jams during morning and evening hours. K. MURALI KUMAR

'Government should act'

Vanajakshi, a retired headmistress, says that as per the Karnataka Educational Institutions (Registration and Recognition of Commerce Institute) Rules, 1999, the DSEL has the power to close schools that violate rules. "Only when strict action is taken against schools that violate the rules will the illegal school business come down. Cluster Resource Person (CRP) and Block Resource Centre (BRC) teams are allowed to visit all government, aided, and unaided schools regularly for inspection. However, these teams have failed in their duties, which is a major reason for the mushrooming of unauthorised schools. Therefore, the department officials should monitor the duties of CRPs and BRC personnel," she says.

She points out that most of the unauthorised schools and those operating in violation of rules do not call parents' meeting, which should be a red flag for parents. "Parents should be aware of this. They should visit schools regularly and inspect the education system and facilities for their children there and ask the right questions," she suggests.

In *Doora Theera Yaana,* releasing today, director Mansore explores how conversations could save a marriage

Talk to me

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Director Mansore, known for hard-hitting social dramas such as *19.20.21* (2023) and *Act 1978* (2020), delves into the dynamics of relationships in his upcoming film, *Doora Theera Yaana*. "This film wasn't easy to make. At one point, I felt I should have stuck to my preferred genre," he says, with a chuckle. The film has left him an admirer of directors who tackle love stories.

Starring Vijay Krishna and Priyanka Kumar M, *Doora Theera Yaana* releases today. "It's a challenge to create the right mood on set for emotionally charged scenes. The actors must understand what the character is going through. Of course, the chemistry between the leads matters. As a filmmaker over 40, when I share my idea of a relationship with actors in their mid-20s, I worry that they might not be able to relate to it."

Though he has an affinity towards exposing the system, Mansore loves to surprise people, either with his choice of stories or narrative style. His films, despite operating in the commercial space, are not driven by the template. His *19.20.21* – the true story of a young journalism student from a tribal community who fought for his constitutional rights – was narrated in a gritty, non-linear fashion. In *Act 1978, a* pregnant woman holds the employees and visitors of a government office hostage. The movie was a taut thriller with heart.

"I have experimented with this film as well," he says. "Every frame will tell a story. There are several scenes that serve a metaphorical purpose. Kannada cinema had a certain sensibility from the 1960s till the 1980s. I have tried to maintain that sensibility through a visually evocative film."

Doora Theera Yaana, Mansore says, is not a love story. "It's a story about love. Before a couple gets married, there is a period of awaiting the big day. The partners fear talking about their expectations of each other during that time."

The couple has opinions on topics such as financial planning, savings and following one's passion, Mansore says. "But they don't convey it to each other. My film is about those important conversations that can save a marriage."

Doora Theera Yaana is a road film, a genre rarely explored in Kannada cinema. "It's not a typical road film. In Kannada movies, we romanticise the idea of a small town. Jai Shankar's *Shivamma* was a welcome relief in that aspect. It shows women in villages jogging and exercising in sari. I have seen it happen."

This is missing in Kannada films, Mansore says. "We aren't recreating reality. That's not the case in Malayalam cinema. For instance, in the recent crime comedy *Sookshmadarshini,* women living in a locality in a Tier-2 city are part of a messaging group for gossiping. These are small aspects that make the drama between the characters relatable."

To narrate a full-fledged drama to an audience with limited attention spans will be his biggest test, admits Mansore. "The pleasure of a three-second reel poses a challenge to filmmakers. In Kannada, we don't have film fanatics. So for me, the first-week audience matters. I have to keep them glued to the screen so that they are impressed and the positive response spreads."

People like us Scenes from the film *Doora Theera Yaana.* SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Director

Bring India home

Delhi-based KhojCrafts that celebrates the culture of India, has now opened its doors in Bengaluru

Home sweet home Handpicked pieces at KhojCrafts, Bengaluru. RUTH DHANARAJ

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Gurgaon-based home décor brand KhojCrafts has opened its first boutique in Bengaluru. The studio at Indiranagar pays homage to Indian craftsmanship, showcasing handpicked pieces from artisans hailing from different states. Whether you are an art connoisseur or just a curious visitor, the Bengaluru studio offers an immersive experience into India's diverse culture.

Some of the standout pieces include refurbished teakwood cinema chairs, Naga tribal panels and planters, handcrafted traditional pillars, and elemental stone lamps. While each installation tells a tale of the region it comes from, and the materials are traditional, they can easily find their place in a modern Indian household.

"The pieces you find here are timeless, the idea is to use them in a more contemporary manner," says Mansi Joshee, co-founder of KhojCrafts.

Talking about curating each piece, Mansi says, "Each creation should be a piece, which we believe has a story to tell, showcasing a certain type of craft, and also how we see it fitting into a contemporary household."

KhojCrafts also features delicate textiles, such as a panel featuring *Mata ni Pachedi*, a traditional form of sacred textile art from Gujarat. The hand-painted cloth panels are used in the worship of different goddesses. "Indian crafts are like rivers, they are not static. There are always influences feeding it and leading out of it," says Mansi.

The studio also features pieces such as mixed-material consoles that layer wood, resin, and metal in bold geometrics and masks with a big styling edge, floor rugs with tribal motifs and decorative stone sculptures.

KhojCrafts is at Stage 1, Indiranagar. Prices start from ₹2,000 and products can be viewed on www.khojcrafts.com

Coastal crabs, caviar dreams

Yan Yan, the new restaurant at The Ritz-Carlton, Bangalore, elevates Chinese cuisine with truffles, Kochi bay crabs, Ossetra caviar and Havelock prawns

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For a long time in Bengaluru, pan Asian cuisine was ruling the restaurant circuit. It seems that is now passé, as we get more region-focussed menus. Case in point, Yan Yan, the new restaurant at The Ritz-Carlton, Bengaluru: a fine dine restaurant that brings together dishes from Canton, Hakka, Sichuan and Hunan regions of China.

Real deal Yan Yan offers authentic Chinese fare sans fusion or Indianisation. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Yan Yan means a feast for the eyes. And in that vein, we are handed a menu on an iPad that is complete with pictures of each dish, so you can see what your dish will look like before you order it.

Hidden gems

Each cocktail at Yan Yan is named after a jewel or a gem. The highlight for me is the moonstone elixir cocktail. A concoction of vodka, sparkling wine and bitter melon (yes, that is English for *karela*). It takes us by surprise, as it is fresh and light, with a hint of the bitter. Serpentine dew is made of Sichuan peppercorn infused tequila, tomato water and celery soda, and Jasper ember has whiskey, homemade goji berry syrup and aromatic bitters.

An array of small plates are brought to the table. The tofu skin and baby spinach salad is made of delicate bean curd skin, which is chewy and savoury. Served atop crunchy wonton skin and greens, we really enjoy this. The petit greens paired with colossal crab and quail eggs is decent, too.

Classic Chinese

We want to see what elevated Chinese is when it comes to the classics. So, we opt for Sichuan chicken, stir-fried greens, noodles and crispy prawn. The chicken – juicy pieces of meat in a mildly spicy sauce that is nutty and aromatic– is the clear winner. And the wok-fried prosperity noodles combine perfectly with it. Vegetarians should try the 12 Mile Farmed Mushrooms made of five types of mushrooms – pioppino, shiitake, wood ear, eryngii and oyster.

Dessert is a mix of classics and modern. The sesame mochi is warm and chewy and stuffed with a rich black sesame paste, while the darsaan has tender coconut ice cream, atop a bed of fried noodles – crunchy, sweet, cold and fruity, all in one.

Warm service, comfort classics and elevated and creative cocktails won me over.

Cost for two ₹4,000. At Residency Road. For reservations, call 9035416155

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Theatre talk

Ekalavya Performing Arts and Picture Wicture productions will be staging *Bastab-Obastab,* a bouquet of two Bengali plays exploring two profound emotions — fear and doubt — through complex, nuanced narratives.

At Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield on July 13, at 3.30 PM & 7.30 PM. Tickets, priced at ₹ 300, available at Bookmyshow.

Comedy king

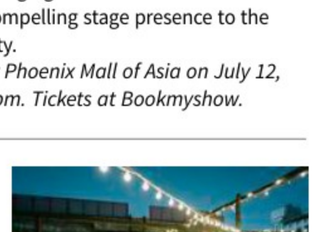
IIT-graduate turned full-time comedian Biswa Kalyan Rath will be bringing his incisive humour and compelling stage presence to the city.

At Phoenix Mall of Asia on July 12, 8pm. Tickets at Bookmyshow.

Say hello

Let's Socialise, a singles mixer founded by author Ravinder Singh, featuring an equal gender ratio, interactive activities, great food and a relaxed, pressure-free vibe, will be hosted in the city.

At Mannheim Craft Brewery, Whitefield Road on July 13, from 5-8 pm. Tickets, priced at ₹ 1599, available at linktr.ee/letssocialise.



Centre working on monetisation plan for ITI land: Scindia

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The Union government on Thursday reiterated its monetisation plan for land owned by ITI Ltd., set up in Bengaluru in 1948.

"We are working on a monetisation plan for ITI to raise money to fund the development and expansion activities of the PSU's digital technology and communication business," Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, told *The Hindu*.

When asked how many acres of ITI campus would be part of the monetisation plan, the Minister, on the sidelines of his visit to ITI's 400-plus acre campus at Dooravaninagar in Bengaluru, said such details were yet to be worked out.

Earlier speaking to the media, Mr. Scindia said that ITI was an institution that had contributed tremendously in the telecom revolution of India.

The PSU was able to adapt along with technological advancements from manufacturing of rotary and push-button dial phones into manufacturing of core telecom equipment, the radio access networks, the routers, PCB Boards etc.

"The shift has been tremendous and I look forward to ITI playing an even more fundamental role in technology as the telecom revolution sweeps our country," said the Minister.

To a question whether the Ministry was supporting ITI in modernising its technology and manufacturing capabilities, Mr. Scindia said: "Yes. I think the management of the ITI has to have that responsibility. At this point, we are working on multiple strategies to ensure that ITI becomes much more financially sound. I am very confident that the whole government approach will be able to accomplish that," the Minister added.

Internal resources

Later, ITI chairman and managing director Rajesh Rai told *The Hindu* that the PSU currently has a bank loan of ₹1,500 crore and the company was exploring internal resources to repay it.

"We are in a financial restructuring mode. We require some working capital and we are currently working towards that," said Mr. Rai, adding: "Regarding monetisation, we are in preliminary discussion with National Land Monetisation Corporation. How much land will be monetised will be decided later."

ITI would be able to fetch ₹70 crore and above per acre of land, as per realty sources in Bengaluru, as the land parcel is situated on a high connectivity corridor.

BJP tells CM and DKS to either govern or quit

The Hindu Bureau
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Alleging that development works had come to a standstill in the State owing to the power tussle between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday urged them to either govern the State as they should or quit.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru, C.T. Ravi, BJP MLC, wondered if the State intelligence wing was "in a coma", while expressing concern over the National Investigation Agency unearthing prison and Home Department staff helping those with terror links being lodged in prison.

Mr. Ravi also accused the Karnataka government of providing prominent posts to those who offered money, and said that the State Intelligence had become "defunct" owing to the alleged practice of cash-for-posts.

Works shelved

Addressing a separate press conference, Leader of the Opposition in the Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy alleged that the government had shelved implementation of all development works for now owing to the tussle between the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister.

Siddaramaiah reiterates he will be Chief Minister for full five-year term

The Congress leader also says that he will lead the party in the 2028 Legislative Assembly elections and that there will be no reshuffle of the State Cabinet

The Hindu Bureau
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In a clear message to the Congress high command, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday categorically said that he will remain in the post for the full five-year term and debunked any speculation about leadership change.

In another indication, the Chief Minister said that he would also lead the party in the 2028 Legislative Assembly elections, akin to the 2023 Assembly polls. He also said that there will be no reshuffle of the State Cabinet.

In a similar assertion on July 2 before a State Cabinet meeting at Nandi Hills, the Chief Minister had stated he would complete his full term, in the presence of his deputy D.K. Shivakumar.

Dismisses speculations

The Chief Minister's statements in the national capital on Thursday appear to give clear signals to the party high command, Mr. Shivakumar, and loyal legislators that he would remain in the chair for the full term of the government. "I am going to complete five years and I will be the Chief Minister," Mr. Siddaramaiah said, and dismissed speculations about him entering national politics.

In conversation: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge in Delhi on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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> **SIDDARAMAIAH,** Chief Minister

Replying to a question on speculations over a leadership change, the Chief Minister said: "It is totally incorrect. I will remain in Karnataka and in the same chair." Noting that there was "no vacancy" for the Chief Minister's post, he dismissed reports that the Congress high command had asked him to step down or make way for Mr. Shivakumar to take over later this year.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said sharing of power after two-and-a-half years was never decided. "It is not correct. What the high command told us is that whatever decision it takes, we have to follow it. We both will abide by the high command's decision," he said.

Mr. Siddaramaiah also hinted that he would lead the party in the 2028 Assembly elections. "Like in 2023, I will lead the party. However, the high command will take a decision," he said.

On AICC general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala's meetings with Congress MLAs, Mr. Siddaramaiah said Mr. Surjewala had not asked any questions about change of the Chief Minister. "There are some MLAs supporting Mr. Shivakumar but not many," the Chief Minister said.

'Aspiration is fine'

On Mr. Shivakumar's political aspirations, Mr. Siddaramaiah said: "He is also an aspirant. There is nothing wrong with that. Mr. Shivakumar has himself said that the Chief Minister's chair is not vacant."

Meanwhile, Ministers Satish Jarkiholi and H.C. Mahadevappa endorsed the Chief Minister's remark about serving his full-term.

Meanwhile, though Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar were expected to hold talks with Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Thursday, they did not get an appointment. Late at night, Mr. Siddaramaiah met AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge.

CM's loyalists meet Kharge in Bengaluru

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Hours after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's statement in the national capital on Thursday that he would complete the full five-year term, his loyalists and Ministers Eshwar Khandre, B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, H.C. Mahadevappa, Satish Jarkiholi, Dinesh Gundu Rao, and G. Parameshwara rushed to the residence of AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge in Bengaluru.

'Gauging the mood'

Sources in the party said that the Chief Minister reportedly told Ministers to visit the residence of Mr. Kharge and "gauge his mood" after his statement.

Mr. Kharge reportedly told Ministers that the party high command would take a decision on change of guard in the State. He also reportedly told them to discharge their responsibilities. Later, Mr. Kharge left for New Delhi.

After meeting Mr. Kharge, the Ministers told the media that the Chief Minister would complete a full term and he has the support of a majority of MLAs.

Meets Surjewala

Meanwhile, Mr. Siddaramaiah and his deputy D.K. Shivakumar met AICC general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala in Delhi on Thursday night. They declined to talk to the media after the meeting.

Minister emphasises importance of start-ups that solve real-world issues

Union Minister for Communications Jyotiraditya M. Scindia during the inauguration of VTU-VRIF-TCOE Hub and Spoke Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru on Thursday. PTI

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Union Minister for Communications Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated the VTU VRIF-TCOE Hub-and-Spoke Centre of Excellence at the regional office of the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) in Bengaluru on Thursday.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister emphasised the importance of start-ups that solve real-world problems and contribute to India's development. "We are on the brink of a 6G revolution. The number of broadband users has grown from 60 million to 940 million in just over a decade. This centre will be a catalyst for the next wave of technological advancement," he said.

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> **JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA** Union Minister for Communications

Mr. Scindia applauded the university's focus on cutting-edge domains like 5G, 6G, quantum communication, artificial intelligence (AI), and secure telecom infrastructure.

The centre is a collaborative initiative between VTU, the Visvesvaraya Research and Innovation Foundation (VRIF), and the Telecom Centre of Excellence (TCOE) India. It aims to serve as a national innovation hub, leveraging VTU's academic network.

Sharan Prakash Patil, Minister for Medical Education and Skill Development and Livelihood, highlighted the centre's role in building capacity for future technologies.

"This 1 lakh sq. ft facility will support research in 5G, 6G, AI, machine learning, augmented reality, and virtual reality, quantum computing, healthcare, and more," he said.

GDS sammelan

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Union Minister for Communications Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, addressed over 800 gramin dak sevaks (GDS) at the GDS sammelana in Bengaluru on Thursday.

He acknowledged 15 GDS for their service in rural and remote areas.

Shivamogga resident moves HC on plea to name bridge after BSY

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The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday ordered issue of notice to the State and the Central governments on a petition seeking direction to the authorities to consider a representation to name a cable-stayed bridge, built across the Sharavati connecting Ambaragodlu and Kalasavalli villages in Sagar taluk of Shivamogga district, as "B.S. Yediyurappa" bridge.

Justice S. Sunil Dutt Yadav passed the order on a petition filed by 84-year-old K. Haranatha Rao from Shivamogga district.

The petitioner has said that he has given a representation to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on July 7 requesting them to name the new bridge, which is scheduled to be inaugurated on July 14, as "B.S. Yediyurappa" bridge considering the contribution of Mr. Yediyurappa to the State as Chief Minister.

The cable-stayed bridge that connects Ambaragodlu and Kalasavalli villages in Sagar taluk of Shivamogga is ready for inauguration.

Also, the petitioner has sought a direction from the court to restrain the authorities from naming the bridge till consideration of his representation.

The bridge, with a length of 2,140 metres and having a 11m-wide carriageway with two lanes, has been built at a cost of ₹456.67 crore and provides easy access to Sigandur temple, a pilgrimage centre. At present the locals are calling it as "Sigandur bridge" identifying it with the temple as thousands of devotees visit this temple from various parts of the State.

Khandre proposes penguin park in Mysuru

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Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre has directed officials to submit a proposal for developing a penguin park at Mysuru's Karanji Lake, adjacent to the Mysuru zoo, in place of the existing aquarium.

Mr. Khandre, presiding over the governing board meeting of the Karnataka Zoo Authority on Thursday, said experts have opined that it is suitable to convert the aquarium building into a penguin enclosure. He directed officials to submit a proposal in this regard immediately.

He further added that Karnataka Mining Environment Restoration Corporation (KMEIRC) funds should be utilised for the development of zoos in mining-affected districts.

He also approved the release of ₹2 crore to develop the Davangere zoo and directed officials to prepare a detailed project report for setting up an aviary in Bidar. For the aviary he proposed an allocation of ₹20 crore.

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KPPP PORTAL E-TENDER NOTIFICATION – No:01/2025-26

Tenders are invited in KPPP PORTAL E-Procurement mode from Empanelled Transaction Advisors in Infrastructure Development Department (IDD) vide Notification No:IDD 94ITS 2022 Dt:01-06-2023,Categary-C, Sector Transport and Logistics for the following work. Tender Notification and further details for the work can be downloaded free of cost from the E-Procurement web site: kppp. karnataka.gov.in

Sl. No.	Project Name	Last date for submission of tenders
1.	RFP for Development of Intermodal Transport Hub at Kempegowda Bus Station (Majestic),Subhashnagara, Bengaluru, under PPP model	01.08.2025

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EOI NOTIFICATION FOR RATE ARRIVAL

Rate Quotations are invited from the reputed Companies/ Agencies to Supply the quotations for executing the four works allotted by KKRD Board to Adikavi Shri Maharshi Valmiki University, Raichur. Last date for submission of quotations is 18-7-25 Softcopy to email/ hardcopy should be submitted in the office. The details/ document file is available in the Pages of Website raichuruniversity.ac.in/email us at registrarrur@gmail.com/ 9448665098 for further clarifications. (If already submitted, may resubmit if any changes)

Name of the work: (1) Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence at Raichur University **(2)** Purchase and Installation of Laboratory equipment for PG students at Raichur University **(3)** Creation of Sports facility at Raichur University. **(4)** Establishment of science block (completion of ground floor and first floor) on turn key

Note: If any changes in the tender it will be publish portal only

Sd/- Registrar
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring the notice of the General Public that, our client intends to enter into sale deed of the Property described in the below Schedule, from Smt. Pallavi G.N D/o. Mr. Narayanaswamy. Consequently, we have undertaken to carry out search to ascertain the marketable title and lawful possession of the Owner over the Schedule Property and the search report is in progress. Meanwhile, we have been authorised to issue this Public Notice to call for objections from persons who may be interested in the Schedule Property Item No.1 to Item No.5 or any portion thereof or having any claims against the Schedule Property Item No.1 to Item No.5 or opposing sale thereof.

And any person/s having any objections, claims, rights title or interest in or against by way of inheritance, mortgage, possession, sale, gift, lease, lien charges, trust or easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known, in writing along with documentary proof, to the undersigned, within 15 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim of such person/s shall be deemed to be waived and/or abandoned or given up and the same shall not be entertained thereafter, and the Sale deed shall be completed between our Client and the Vendors.

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ITEM NO.1: All piece and parcel of land bearing Sy. No.184/2, measuring 2 Acres 14 guntas, situated at Avalagurki Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District and bounded by:
East by : Pond and Land in Sy. No.181,
West by : Land in Sy. No.192 and 186,
North by : Land in Sy. No.184/1,
South by : Land in Sy. No.185.

ITEM NO.2: All piece and parcel of land bearing Sy. No.193, measuring 2 Acres 24 guntas and Sy. No.182, measuring 2 Acres 5 guntas and Sy. No.183 measuring 19 guntas, situated at Avalagurki Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District and bounded by:
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West by : Land in Sy. No.194,
North by : Land in Sy. No.195,
South by : Land in Sy. No.184/1.

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West by : Land in Sy. No.180, 181 & Pond,
North by : Land in Sy. No.175,
South by : Land in Sy. No.178.

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West by : Land in Sy. No.183, 182 & 184/1,
North by : Land in Sy. No.180/1 and 180/2,
South by : Lake,

ITEM NO.5: All piece and parcel of land bearing Sy. No.178, measuring 5 Acres 24 Guntas, situated at Avalagurki Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District and bounded by:
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West by : Land in Sy.No.180 & SyNo.177,
North by : Remaining portion of Sy. No.175 and Gramtana,
South by : Remaining portion of Sy.No.179,

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Health Minister Damodar Raja Narsimha visited the patients admitted to a Hyderabad hospital on Thursday. G. RAMAKRISHNA

Toddy adulteration in Hyderabad: death toll goes up to five

Lavpreet Kaur
HYDERABAD

One more person died from consuming suspected adulterated toddy in Hyderabad, taking the death toll to five on Thursday. The number of people admitted to hospital went up to 44.

Thirty-one patients are receiving treatment at the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) and 13 at Gandhi Hospital.

"More people with similar symptoms were brought to the hospital late on Wednesday. We have asked locals to inform us immediately if anyone else begins showing signs," said Medchal District Excise Officer Shaik Fayazuddeen.

A NIMS spokesperson said that of the 31 patients admitted, four were undergoing dialysis, while the remaining 27 were said to be stable and under observation.

An official involved in the post-mortem process at Gandhi Hospital confirmed that autopsy was conducted on two bodies on Wednesday and as many on Thursday, while one body is still awaiting analysis.

"The symptoms strongly suggest the presence of chemical adulterants in the toddy – primarily methanol or chloral hydrate. Alprazolam may have been mixed in as well," he said.

The toxicology report is awaited.

The patients were rushed to hospital on Tuesday night after they began exhibiting symptoms such as diarrhoea, low blood pressure, dizziness and fatigue.

The Telangana Human Rights Commission has taken cognisance of the incident and has directed the Revenue Department to submit a detailed report by August 20.

Health Minister Damodar Raja Narsimha visited the patients at NIMS on Thursday.

Speaking to the media, he said all the patients were in stable condition and were expected to be discharged within four to five days.

Central team assesses Nipah situation in 2 Kerala districts

Scientists visit different places in Palakkad and Malappuram as part of a joint effort to control the disease; a team from the National Institute of Virology, Pune, is also expected to tour the districts

The Hindu Bureau
MALAPPURAM

A Central team of scientists led by National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) joint director Pranay Varma visited different places in Palakkad and Malappuram districts as part of a joint operation to combat Nipah.

A fresh team of scientists from the National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune, is also expected to visit the Nipah-infected places in Palakkad and Malappuram. The NIV team led by Dileep Patil will survey bats in the areas.

Talks held

The Central experts held discussions with Malappuram District Medical Officer R. Renuka and expressed satisfaction at the measures adopted by authorities to prevent the spread of the virus.

Disease mapping: Scientists will survey bats in Nipah-infected areas in Palakkad and Malappuram districts. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Meanwhile, Health Minister Veena George said 499 persons are under observation in the State for Nipah.

While 203 of them are in Malappuram district, 116 are in Kozhikode, 178 in Palakkad, and two in Ernakulam. As many as 11 persons are under treatment in Malappuram and three in Palakkad.

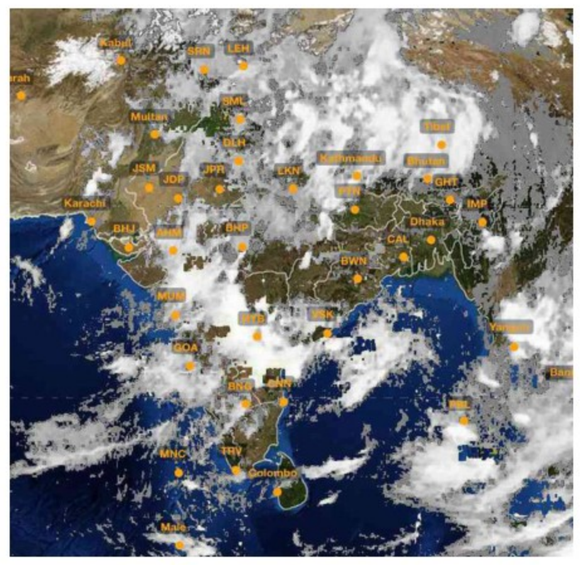
In Malappuram, 56 persons in quarantine tested negative for Nipah.

Restrictions lifted

In Malappuram, restrictions in 20 wards were lifted on Thursday. There will be no more containment zones in the district. However, in Palakkad, restrictions will continue. Six wards have been declared containment zones in Palakkad district. The district administration on Thursday warned against those violating restrictions in the containment zones.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy Rainfall likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Vidarbha. Hot and humid weather likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	61.2	28.6	25.2	Kozhikode	9	32.5	24.5
Ahmedabad	0.4	33.7	26.4	Kurnool	—	34.5	25.0
Aizawl	13	30.0	21.7	Lucknow	—	34.3	27.0
Allahabad	9	34.8	26.8	Madurai	—	40.2	26.5
Bengaluru	0.1	29.2	20.9	Mangaluru	10.5	28.0	23.5
Bhopal	17	30.2	23.4	Mumbai	18	31.8	27.2
Bhubaneswar	0.1	33.2	25.9	Mysuru	—	30.2	20.0
Chandigarh	28.2	29.8	24.0	New Delhi	21	30.6	23.0
Chennai	—	38.0	29.0	Patna	14	31.0	25.9
Coimbatore	—	32.6	22.6	Port Blair	0.1	30.5	26.0
Dehradun	71	29.4	21.1	Puducherry	—	37.6	27.8
Gangtok	20	20.1	17.7	Pune	10.4	31.0	23.7
Goa	38	31.7	25.0	Raipur	56	29.6	23.8
Guwahati	0.4	34.8	26.6	Ranchi	80	25.6	22.2
Hubballi	—	29.0	22.0	Shillong	3	22.6	17.4
Hyderabad	—	32.2	23.4	Shimla	44	24.8	20.4
Imphal	16	32.2	25.7	Srinagar	3	28.0	19.1
Jaipur	—	33.3	26.0	Thiruvananthapuram	0.8	33.8	25.7
Kochi	3	29.6	24.2	Tiruchi	—	38.3	27.4
Kohima	10	22.8	18.4	Vijayawada	0.2	36.8	27.0
Kolkata	8	33.5	24.3	Visakhapatnam	—	35.8	26.9

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	8	46	44	81	86	
Bengaluru	12	15	37	38	119	
Chennai	5	8	30	40	112	
Delhi	5	52	193	14	25	
Hyderabad	6	9	29	130	99	
Kolkata	3	58	24	47	45	
Lucknow	11	49	76	27	56	
Mumbai	25	53	23	65	77	
Pune	12	29	73	54	57	
Visakhapatnam	16	56	15	58	101	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Nandesari, Gujarat recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 270 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 10

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

SC to hear on July 14 plea seeking govt. help to save nurse awaiting execution in Yemen

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday agreed to hear on July 14 an organisation fighting to save the life of a nurse from Kerala, Nimisha Priya, whose execution has been reportedly fixed for July 16 by the Republic of Yemen for the murder of a local man there.

A Bench of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Joymalya Bagchi asked the Nimisha Priya – International Action Council, the organisation represented by senior advocate Raghenth Basant and advocate Subhash Chandran K.R., to serve a copy of the petition on the office of the Attorney-General of India to facilitate any diplomatic efforts, if possible, to protect her from the gallows.

The court directed the government to apprise it of what action was, or could be, taken to assist the nurse.

"The execution is reportedly scheduled for July 16... If the government can do some intervention, any negotiations to save her," Mr. Basant pleaded.

Senior counsel said the option to pay "blood money" (*diyah*) to the murdered man's family and be pardoned for the crime was still open. However, there has been no effective negotiations with the family owing to the civil war in Yemen and travel bans.

"It is pertinent to mention that only strong and timely diplomatic interventions of Indian authorities can save the life of Ms. Nimisha Priya and therefore, facilitations for effective negotiations are highly warranted," the council's petition said.

Telangana Cabinet approves 42% quota for BCs in local body polls

R. Ravikanth Reddy
HYDERABAD

Fulfilling a long-pending demand and its pre-poll promise, the Congress government in Telangana approved 42% reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in the upcoming local body elections.

The Telangana Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, approved the decision after a marathon five-hour meeting on Thursday. The Advocate-General was specially invited to the Cabinet to advise on the legal implications surrounding the increased quota.

Confident in its legal position, the Cabinet approved going ahead with the elections under the new reservation framework, said Revenue and I&PR Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar while briefing presspersons at the Secretariat.

Media briefing: Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Ponnam Prabhakar and others speaking to reporters after the meeting. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mr. Ponnam Prabhakar said the decision comes against the backdrop of the Kamareddy BC Declaration made on February 4, 2024.

He said various judgments on the increase in reservations were positive as long as they were increased after a scientific study with empirical data.

The move is based on the findings of the caste survey, for which a Bill was introduced in the Assembly and forwarded to the Centre.

Despite delays from the Union government, which raised multiple queries, the Telangana government stood firm, with both the Chief Minister and BC Welfare Minister actively pursuing the matter in New Delhi, Mr. Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said.

He said the Cabinet also addressed High Court's directive to complete local body elections within three months. Accordingly, an amendment to the Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 would be made to facilitate the enhanced reservations.

Actors, TV hosts among 29 booked by ED for promoting betting apps

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has registered an enforcement case information report (ECIR) against 29 persons, including actors, television hosts, social media influencers, and YouTubers, for allegedly promoting illegal betting applications in breach of the Public Gambling Act, 1867.

The action comes under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), following five separate FIRs registered in Panjagutta, Miyapur, Cyberabad, Suryapet, and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. The case revolves around paid promotions for platforms such as Junglee Rummy, A23, JeetWin, Parimatch, Lotus365, and others suspected to be involved in large-scale money laundering.

On the defensive: Booked actors include Vijay Devarakonda, Rana Daggubati, and Prakash Raj. FILE PHOTO

The ED believes the individuals received significant financial compensation to endorse these apps, many of which masqueraded as skill-based games but allegedly facilitated gambling under the radar.

Those named in the ECIR include actors Rana Daggubati, Prakash Raj, Vijay Devarakonda, Manchu Lakshmi, Praneetha, and Nidhi Agarwal; TV and media personalities such as Ananya Nagella, Siri Hanumanthu, Sreemukhi, Varshini Sounderajan, Vasanthi Krishnan, Shoba Shetty, Neha Pathan, Pandu, Padhmavathi, Imran Khan, Vishnu Priya, and Shyamala; and digital creators such as Harsha Sai, Bayya Sunny Yadav, Tastyteja, Bandaru Sheshayani Supritha, Ajay, Sunny, and Sudheer, and the YouTube channel 'Local Boy Nani'. Kiran Goud and the management teams behind the betting platforms have also been named.

The individuals named in the case are expected to be summoned shortly for questioning.

1998 Coimbatore serial blast key accused 'Tailor' Raja arrested in Karnataka after 29 years on the run

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

Nearly 27 years after the 1998 serial blasts hit Coimbatore, claiming 58 lives and leaving 250 persons injured, the Tamil Nadu police have arrested one of the key accused involved in the bombings, from Karnataka.

The police said 'Tailor' Raja, 50, a key accused in the February 14, 1998, serial bombings and various communal murder cases across Tamil Nadu, was arrested by a special team of the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) and Coimbatore City Police from Vijayapura district in Karnataka on Wednesday (July 9, 2025).

Big catch: Police bringing 'Tailor' Raja to the Coimbatore Medical College Hospital on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Raja, who was a member of the banned terror outfit Al Ummah that orchestrated the serial bombings, was brought to Coimbatore and produced before the Fifth Judicial Magistrate Court on Thursday . The court remanded him in judicial custody till July 24.

Raja, also known as Sadiq alias 'Valarntha' Raja alias Shahjahan Abdul Majid Makandar alias Shahjahan Shaik, hailed from Bilal Estate at South Ukkadam in Coimbatore.

According to the police, Raja had been absconding for the past 29 years and never been arrested since 1996

On the run for 29 years

According to the police, Raja had been absconding for the past 29 years and never been arrested since 1996.

Besides the 1998 serial bomba blasts, he was involved in several terror cases and communal murder cases, including a Molotov cocktail attack in Coimbatore in 1996, which resulted in the death of jail warder Boopalan, the Sayeetha murder case in Nagore in 1996, and the murder of jailor Jayaprakash in Madurai in 1997.

Recently, the ATS, in coordination with the Coimbatore City Police, arrested India's most-wanted accused Abubacker Siddique and Mohamed Ali alias Yunus from Annamayya district in Andhra Pradesh.

The police said Raja's arrest from Karnataka marks the third successful apprehension of a long-absconding accused involved in terror-related cases.

V. Janaki vs State of Kerala being re-edited as per CBFC demands, says film's director

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The makers of the Malayalam film *V. Janaki vs State of Kerala* on Thursday began re-editing the film as per the demands made by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC).

Filmmaker Pravin Narayanan told *The Hindu* he plans to submit the revised version of the film, starring Union Minister Suresh Gopi, for re-censoring by Friday. He said the producers decided to give in to the demands as releasing the film was their priority.

The censor board had denied certification over the protagonist's name of Janaki, another name of goddess Sita, arguing that a victim of sexual violence cannot be named after a goddess. "We have muted all mention of 'Janaki' which comes up a few times during a three-minute court sequence. The CBFC had argued that this could hurt religious sentiments. Although the demand is illogical, our intention was to release the film quickly. So we have made changes in such a way that it will not affect the film too much. The title has also been changed to *V. Janaki vs State of Kerala*," said Mr. Narayanan.

The CBFC says that a victim of sexual violence cannot be named after a goddess.

Filmmakers and cultural commentators have raised apprehensions of similar demands being made for upcoming films. Mr. Gopi's silence on the issue has become a talking point in Kerala.

Widen the net

The ECI must heed Court's view on including more accessible documents

The Supreme Court of India's pointed observations on Thursday regarding Bihar's ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls are a crucial course correction for the Election Commission of India (ECI), which it must heed immediately. By urging the ECI to consider including the Aadhaar, the Elector Photo Identity Card, and the ration card among the acceptable documents for identity verification, the Court has acknowledged the critique of the SIR that the 11 documents listed for verification are a restrictive and unnecessary barrier to voter registration. The Court has nudged the ECI toward inclusivity in a way that could help resolve the core issues with the SIR. The Court rightly observed that "the entire exercise of SIR is about identity only", that none of the 11 documents currently listed are "telltale ones for citizenship", and that they are all meant to prove identity. It also rightly went on to question why Aadhaar, which is "considered basic for getting other documents", is excluded while dependent documents such as caste certificates are accepted, exposing the inconsistency in the ECI's position. The ECI's objection to Aadhaar as merely proving residence rather than citizenship reveals a misunderstanding of the practical realities of Bihar, besides legal precedents. For example, data show that while 87% of Bihar's population have an Aadhaar card, only 45%-50% are matriculates and close to just 2% have passports.

The Court's earlier judgments remain relevant too, having decisively rejected putting the "onus of proof of citizenship" on voters already enrolled in previous elections. This precedent contradicts the SIR's approach of treating every voter as a potential non-citizen unless proven otherwise and which risks significant disenfranchisement of electors despite their having valid identification. While not staying the SIR, the Court also listed the judicial review of the whole process, including its timing and nature, which "goes to the very roots of our democracy [and] is about the right to vote". The Court has reminded the ECI that its mandate, under Article 324, is to facilitate democratic participation, and not to create obstacles. There has been enough confusion on the ground following a more liberal reading of the ECI's SIR rules on document submission and verification by the Chief Electoral Officer, which was overruled by the Chief Election Commissioner. With its suggestion on expanding the list of verifiable documents, the Court has provided the ECI an opportunity to transform the SIR from a dangerously exclusionary exercise – one that could affect marginalised citizens – into a genuinely inclusive process.

Bridge too far

A regular audit of all major infrastructure projects is a must

On July 9, a span of a 40-year-old bridge in Vadodara in Gujarat caved in, sending half-a-dozen vehicles into the Mahisagar river below. On Thursday, 18 people were confirmed dead. Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has ordered an investigation into the cause, which locals have alleged to be the long-standing neglect by local authorities. On June 15, an iron pedestrian bridge over the Indrayani river in Pune district collapsed due to overloading, leaving four dead. In May, a concrete slab being hoisted by a crane at the site of the construction of a bridge over the Kathajodi river in Cuttack fell on workers below, killing three. Similarly, in 2024, the Ghatkopar hoarding collapse in Mumbai resulted in 17 fatalities. And in 2023, there were more accidents – a girder failure at an under-construction railway bridge in Mizoram left 26 workers dead; a rooftop billboard collapse killed two women in Lucknow; and a pillar collapse at a metro construction site in Bengaluru killed a mother and her toddler. In 2022, the Morbi suspension bridge over the Machchhu river, again in Gujarat, failed, killing more than 140 people. These are only some of the hundreds of incidents involving the catastrophic failure of public infrastructure. They are accompanied by road accidents and deadly fires in crowded areas, both of which regularly claim many lives.

Even if they are isolated, they are not entirely accidental: they are symptoms of India's ageing infrastructure that is being tested, especially in peri-urban areas, as industrial growth and urban populations expand. Facilities such as bridges, roads and hospitals that were designed for some number of users, are progressively giving way under the weight of more. So also are the departments responsible for their upkeep, many of which remain underfunded, understaffed or complacent. While the authorities have ordered investigations into these incidents, few have yielded failure analysis reports into the public domain. Some also prompted audits but they were restricted to infrastructure of the same type. Given the evident ubiquity of the problem, India must modify asset-creating initiatives such as the Urban Infrastructure Development Fund to have additional priorities and adjust the incentives of rehabilitative schemes such as the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation to help regularly maintain ageing urban assets in all centres, with greater frequency in those peopled by 10 lakh or more. Second, while baseline audit frameworks for municipal bridges exist, they must be enforced more uniformly and transparently. Finally, until then, accidents must trigger a probe by a statutory body plus a mandatory audit of all major infrastructure, and States must endeavour to publish the findings at the earliest.

Aiding India's progress with choice, control and capital

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With the world's population having crossed the eight billion mark, looking at the macros is all but natural. However, there has to be an equal focus on the micro-vulnerable groups, key populations and individuals on the fringes. We must endeavour to ensure that the promise of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICDP) is kept, and that every person gets the right to make informed choices about their sexual and reproductive health, free from coercion, discrimination and violence.

This year, the United Nations has announced its theme for World Population Day as "Empowering young people to create the families they want in a fair and hopeful world". It highlights the ICDP's special focus on youth, by affirming their right to accurate information, education and services in order to make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health. It also reflects a simple but pressing need: of bringing youth to the centre when envisioning the future, ensuring their freedom of choice and opportunities.

Home to the largest youth population

UNICEF reports there being 371 million youth in the age group of 15 to 29 years in India, making it the world's largest youth population. This is a number that stretches existing resources and systems. But with the right investments in education, skills and also access to health, nutrition, and family planning services, it can become a powerful driver of national progress. Unleashing this youth potential in India could boost its GDP by up to $1 trillion by 2030, unlocking a demographic divide as projected by the World Bank and NITI Aayog, while significantly reducing unemployment and improving social outcomes.

India has made significant strides with initiatives such as *'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao'* and the National Adolescent Health Programme, reducing child marriage and adolescent fertility rates. Yet, there is still room to do more as a nation in order to address persistent challenges such as limited reproductive autonomy, socio-cultural barriers and gender inequality. These continue to restrict many young people (especially young women) from realising their true potential.

For instance, the prevalence of child marriages in India has reduced by half since 2006, but is still reported at 23.3% (National Family Health Survey-5, 2019-21). Further, teenage childbearing among women in the age group of 15 to 19 years was pegged at 7% nationally. But in some States, the rate was reported to be more than double, highlighting stark regional disparities (National Family Health Survey-5). In addition, the recently published State of World Population Report 2025 by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) underscores the lack of reproductive autonomy and the crisis of fertility aspirations, particularly among women. More than a third of Indian adults (36%) face unintended pregnancies, while another 30% reported unmet reproductive goals, i.e., an inability to exercise their choice about the number of children they have. Almost 23% of Indian adults faced both.

> With the right investments in education, skills and access to health, nutrition and family planning services, India's youth population can boost national progress

Issue of child marriage

The need is for a comprehensive, multi-pronged strategy which includes education, contraception access, nutrition, mental health support and community empowerment to tackle the root causes rather than addressing symptoms.

UNICEF reports that each additional year of secondary education can reduce the likelihood of child marriage by up to 6%. Project Udaan (implemented by IPE Global in Rajasthan between 2017 and 2022), used this as its basis; it became an example of how a streamlined, 360° approach can drive meaningful change for young people.

The initiative addressed the challenge of early marriages and teenage pregnancies by keeping girls in secondary school through the strategic use of government scholarship schemes, improving their awareness of sexual and reproductive health, and improving access to modern contraceptives for young women, which helped bolster the voice and reproductive agency of girls and women. The initiative led to almost 30,000 child marriages being prevented and nearly 15,000 teenage pregnancies being averted, while also ensuring an education and a bright future for these girls.

Similarly, the Advika programme, launched by the Government of Odisha in partnership with UNICEF-UNFPA in 2019-20, has made strides in preventing child marriage through strategies which include strengthening state systems, fostering awareness about child protection issues, and empowering adolescents through education, skill development and leadership training. Its youth-focused approach has enabled about 11,000 villages to be declared child marriage-free; in 2022, nearly 950 child marriages were stopped.

Addressing child marriage and early pregnancy is essential, but true empowerment means going further – equipping adolescents, especially girls, with the skills, the education and the opportunities they need to lead independent and meaningful lives, while also fostering enabling environments that support their agency, voice and participation in decisions that affect them. This includes the timing of their marriage, reproductive freedom (whether or not to have children, the age at which they have the first child, the number of children they wish to have), or how they choose to live meaningful lives on their own terms. At the heart of this empowerment lies economic independence. When economically empowered, women gain the resources, the confidence and the voice to shape their futures and contribute meaningfully to society.

To address the issues surrounding women's economic empowerment and the low female labour force participation, Project Manzil is being implemented by IPE Global in collaboration with the Government of Rajasthan in six selected districts (2019-25). The programme which utilises a human-centred design approach, understands the aspirations of young women, then aligns skill training with these aspirations, and enables them to have unhindered access to dignified employment opportunities at gender-friendly workplaces. As with all effective programmes, this has been complemented with addressing harmful social norms through consistent behaviour change communication strategies. The project has made families prosperous and has also transformed communities. For instance, it helped 28,000 young women (ages 18 to 21 years) to complete skill training at government skill training centres – 16,000 were employed, making them the first generation of women from their communities to enter skilled professions. Empowered by financial stability, these young women exude better negotiation power to delay or get married.

Accelerating progress

The State of World Population 2025 report aptly focuses on rights-based, multi-sector investments and underscores that progress hinges on expanding universal access to contraception, safe abortion, maternal health and infertility care, and also in removing structural barriers such as education, housing, childcare and workplace flexibility. It also emphasises that investing in girls' education, life-skills development, conditional cash transfers, community mobilisation and health services delivers measurable gains. Programmes such as Udaan, Advika and Manzil showcase how these investments can be brought to life and improve the future of youth everywhere.

The UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, has rightly called for this World Population Day to celebrate the potential and the promise the largest-ever generation of youth holds. It is important to remember that they are entitled to shape their futures by making informed choices about their health, families, careers and lives. India stands at a defining moment on its development journey, and its success will depend on how well it can understand the aspirations of its youth, amplifying the voices of young women, and helping unlock opportunities for them.

Population decline and an ill-informed chorus

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Demographic thinking has always been intertwined with public discourse and, at times, poorly interpreted. With every passing 'Population Day', we see a shifting discourse: from a Malthusian cry about runaway growth and ecological strain to an animated fear of fast-falling fertility rates.

The two sides

A rising chorus of voices is warning the world of population decline and civilisation "dwindling to nothing". Yet, much of this alarmism is premature, analytically flawed, and ethically troubling. While there is no ambiguity that the fertility rate is falling, the implications drawn are often ill-informed. Pro-natalist movements are gaining currency among nation-states with varying degrees of urgency. For the last few years, the self-identified 'demographer' Elon Musk has been 'concerned' about falling birth rates and predicted a 'population collapse' within the next 20 years. The Musk Foundation even made its biggest donation to a higher education institution – about $10 million, to the University of Texas – to establish the 'Population Wellbeing Initiative'.

Juxtaposed with Mr. Musk's claims are the data by the United Nations World Population Prospects (WPP), released every two years. The world's population is predicted to increase during the next 50 years, from 8.2 billion in 2024 to a peak of about 10.3 billion in the mid-2080s, according to WPP 2024. The world's population is expected to steadily decline after a peak of 10.2 billion by the end of the century; 10.2 billion people is proof that the population collapse is a hoax, even though it is predicted that the world's population in 2100 will be 6% smaller, or roughly 700 million fewer people than it was predicted 10 years ago.

A large portion of the alarmism misses two points. First, projections are not predictions. The underlying assumptions regarding future vital rates drive these projections – the farther the projection, the less accurate it is. Second, there is a lag effect in demographic change, in other words, the time lag between changes in vital rates (survival and reproduction) and their apparent implication on the age distribution and population size. When a population reaches below-replacement fertility (total fertility rate or TFR value of less than 2.1), it can continue to have increments for decades. This phenomenon is known as population momentum. In other words, growth is maintained because a significant portion of the reproductive-age population continues to produce children, albeit fewer than in the past. No population shrinks overnight or reaches stationarity (zero growth) linearly.

> The fertility rate is falling but much of the alarmism is premature, analytically flawed and ethically troubling

The 'real fertility crisis'

In the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) report, 'The Real Fertility Crisis: The Pursuit of Reproductive Agency in a Changing World' (2025), around 14,000 people from 14 countries were asked whether they 'feel able' to have children, to which one in five responded that they would not be able to have the number of children they desire. Nearly 23% of respondents desired having a child, which went unfulfilled at the preferred time.

And, 40% of these respondents ultimately had to forgo their desire to have a child. Irrespective of whether the surveyed country had higher or lower fertility rates, people are either over-/under realising their desired fertility, indicating ubiquitous barriers to achieving their ideal family size. When asked about the factors that influenced people to have fewer children than they desire, unsurprisingly, infertility (13%), financial limitations (38%), housing limitations (22%), lack of quality childcare (18%) and unemployment (21%) stood out for the Indian respondents. The Republic of Korea spent more than $200 billion to boost its population over the last 20 years. Ending a nine-year declining trend, for the first time births in South Korea are showing a slight rebound of 7.3% in the first quarter of 2025 when compared to the same period last year. This uptick in births seems to be backed by a rise in marriages and a positive outlook on marriage and children. Despite this optimistic trend, respondents in the Republic of Korea cite financial (58%) and housing limitations (31%) as factors leading them to have fewer children.

Need for societal changes

The panic over falling births and an ageing population has unjustly targeted women who have opted out of childbearing, curbing their rights to abortion and other means of contraception. The homogenisation of women as a single entity, shedding the idea of childbearing, is absurd. Most people want to have children, on average, around two, yet they are shut out of parenthood. It is a reminder that the focus should shift to those women who want to have children and are unable to do so – not to the ones who are voluntarily childless. Be that as it may, target-driven pronatalism, such as baby bonuses and one-off benefits, often reinstates traditional gender roles and ignores men's contribution, and does more harm than good.

Countries facing declining fertility need to let go of their ethno-nationalist discourse and support significant societal changes in favour of women and families. The associated fear of a shrinking workforce should not be addressed through forcing women to have more babies, but through hiring them in the paid workforce and not penalising them for motherhood.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bridge collapse

There are incidents in India, of late, of bridges collapsing even as they are being built. But the collapse of a portion of a 40-year-old bridge in Vadodara needs closer inspection. The reason for the collapse is not far to seek. For several decades, trucks have had four wheels at the rear and two in front. Such trucks with a total of six wheels are now obsolete. The bridge was probably one of many constructed with these trucks in mind. But now a number of trucks have 10 wheels to carry double the cargo, thus exponentially increasing the weight of the trucks. When such countless and slow-moving loaded trucks cross such bridges, the durability of the bridges comes into focus. In future, it must be ensured that bridges are constructed keeping this factor in mind (Page 1, July 10).

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

This is not an isolated incident but a growing symptom of a nationwide epidemic: ageing infrastructure, shoddy repair work, and officials asleep at the wheel. Bridges are not supposed to tremble under traffic. They are supposed to stand strong. Yet, time and again, weak design, poor oversight and sheer apathy turn them into traps. Our infrastructure is not the only thing crumbling. So is our governance. And people are paying for this with their lives.

K. Chidanand Kumar,
Bengaluru

End the wars

As a peace-loving citizen, a nonagenarian and as one who has lived through both the First and Second World Wars, I find it distressing that the Russia-Ukraine war and the Palestine-Israel conflict are leaving a trail of suffering. It would be my earnest and humble plea to the United Nations to earnestly get these warring nations to sit together and make a sincere attempt to usher in peace.

Mani Nataraajan,
Chennai

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Are existing mechanisms effective in preventing custodial violence?

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PARLEY

The gruesome death of security guard Ajith Kumar, 27, while in police custody in Tamil Nadu's Sivaganga district last month, is yet another grim addition to the long and growing list of custodial deaths in India. In response, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has ordered a CBI probe to ensure a transparent investigation, and the Madras High Court has directed the agency to complete its inquiry and submit a report by August 20. Are the existing institutional mechanisms effective in preventing custodial violence? M. Srinivasan and Anup Surendranath discuss the question in a conversation moderated by **Aaratrika Bhaumik**. Edited excerpts:

Why does custodial violence persist despite statutory safeguards and Supreme Court guidelines?

Anup Surendranath: India has signed but not ratified the United Nations Convention Against Torture, and lacks a stand-alone domestic law criminalising torture. This reflects a lack of political will to implement international human rights obligations. However, the more pressing concern lies in the entrenched institutional culture that normalises and even justifies custodial violence. Police personnel often perceive such violence as a necessary means to achieve justice, especially when the formal legal process is seen as slow and ineffective. Public reaction to custodial violence is similarly inconsistent and often shaped by the nature of the case. For instance, while the recent incident has sparked widespread outrage, the 2019 alleged encounter killing of four men accused of raping and murdering a veterinarian near Hyderabad was met with public celebration. There is also a glaring absence of authoritative data on custodial violence. As a result, accountability mechanisms remain weak.

What factors contribute to the institutional culture that condones police brutality?

M. Srinivasan: The rigid hierarchical structure of police forces, combined with a high-pressure working environment, fosters a culture in which aggression is often valorised. Mainstream films frequently glorify vigilante justice. In many cases of custodial violence, instead of facing disciplinary action, offending officers are rewarded with promotions.

AS: Custodial violence should not be dismissed as the actions of a few 'bad apples' within the system. Such behaviour is perpetuated by entrenched social hierarchies and an enduring colonial mindset within the police, where the public, particularly marginalised communities, is viewed not as citizens to be protected, but as subjects to be controlled. Certain bodies are routinely viewed with suspicion and subjected to heightened surveillance and force. Policing, in this framework, is not about serving the population but about exerting authority over it.

B. Ajith Kumar's family mourns his death in Sivaganga district. L. BALACHANDAR

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> ANUP SURENDRANATH

What reforms are required to change such prevailing attitudes?

MS: It is crucial to implement robust training programmes that not only equip police personnel with modern policing methods, but also sensitise them to their own implicit biases. Third-degree torture is often disproportionately inflicted on petty offenders, while white-collar criminals are rarely subjected to such treatment. There is also an urgent need to adopt scientific interrogation techniques. Most police officers lack adequate training in contemporary investigative methods and forensic tools, and there is often a reluctance to collaborate with external experts such as forensic specialists and mental health professionals. Another important reform, supported by many stakeholders, is the decriminalisation of petty offences, particularly minor property-related crimes. This would limit the arbitrary use of arrest powers and help ensure that custodial detention is reserved for exceptional cases.

In 2020, the Supreme Court mandated the installation of CCTV cameras in police stations and affirmed victims' right to access the footage. How effectively have these directions been implemented?

AS: The *Paramvir Singh Saini v. Baljit Singh* (2020) judgment is a classic example of the Supreme Court prescribing technocratic solutions to deeply entrenched institutional problems. In reality, compliance with its directions is minimal. More importantly, as seen in the Ajith Kumar case, acts of torture often occur outside police stations. Even where cameras are installed, a common complaint is that they are conveniently non-functional when victims' families seek access to the footage. This contributes to the continued prevalence of illegal detentions, with arrest dates and times frequently manipulated in police records. Ultimately, the effectiveness of any reform rests on political will and the institutional capacity to enforce it.

The Law Commission has recommended introducing a provision that reverses the burden of proof in such cases. Do you think this could enhance accountability?

AS: Introducing a rebuttable presumption in evidence law would be a significant step towards accountability. However, those most often subjected to such violence typically belong to vulnerable communities. The real question, then, is how we are enabling them to access the legal and constitutional remedies available to them. It is unrealistic to expect victims or their families to navigate the labyrinth of legal procedures on their own. Our justice system often tests the resilience of the very people it should be protecting. So, while legal reforms are important, without parallel efforts to empower vulnerable communities and reduce systemic barriers, the pursuit of justice will remain an uphill battle.

Are judicial magistrates, as the first line of defence against police excesses, discharging their duty to prevent such abuses?

AS: The statutory requirement to produce an accused before a magistrate within 24 hours of arrest is a critical safeguard against police excesses. However, it is deeply concerning how perfunctory this process has become. Magistrates often fail to fulfil their intended role, which includes scrutinising the grounds for arrest, physically examining the accused for signs of torture, and engaging meaningfully with them to uncover any evidence of mistreatment. Even medico-legal examinations are often reduced to a mere formality. The higher judiciary has fallen short in addressing lapses in magisterial oversight. This systemic failure contributes to the abysmally low conviction rates in cases of custodial torture and deaths.

A further concern is the routine admission of torture-based evidence in the legal process. Section 27 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, is particularly problematic. While the law excludes confessions made to the police from admissibility, it permits the use of material recovered as a result of such confessions. This loophole enables the continued use of custodial torture, as coerced confessions can still produce evidence that is admissible in court.

In *Prakash Singh v. Union of India* (2006), the Supreme Court mandated the creation of police complaints authorities, led by retired judges, at the State and district levels to address complaints against police misconduct. How effective have these institutional watchdogs been?

AS: Most States have failed to establish these authorities. Where they do exist, their credibility is compromised by the inclusion of serving police officers as members. This reflects a broader pattern in which judicial directives receive little meaningful compliance from State governments. It also raises serious questions about the judiciary's ability to enforce its orders.

Can community policing or greater civil society involvement help curb such practices?

MS: Absolutely. Awareness campaigns led by the media, educational institutions, and civil society organisations can play a vital role in informing people about their constitutional rights and the mechanisms available for redress. Increased public scrutiny of custodial practices can also generate pressure for systemic reforms. At the same time, for community policing to be effective, it is essential to clearly define the role of community representatives and ensure they are properly trained to engage with law enforcement constructively.

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NOTEBOOK

Caught in violence while reporting on protests against violence

Hundreds of people come together at protests to express solidarity with the cause, but some also come with an agenda

Shrabana Chatterjee

As a female reporter, I have always found it unsettling to cover crimes against women. The challenge is not only to report the story, but to keep personal feelings out of it as well. Reporters also cannot afford to let their guard down, especially while covering protests. Hundreds of people come together at such protests to express solidarity with the cause. However, some of them also come with an agenda.

In less than a year, I found myself caught in at least two violent situations while covering two separate cases of sexual assault. Last year, when India was celebrating its 78th Independence Day, Kolkata was reeling from the horrific rape and murder of a 31-year-old doctor inside the R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital. Like my colleagues and peers, I spent a lot of time on the road covering 'Reclaim the Night' marches, held by people protesting against sexual violence.

One night, I entered R.G. Kar Hospital and stood in front of a stage, waiting for one of the marches to start. The premises had been heavily barricaded and police personnel had been stationed at all the entrance gates. The space felt secure – until it did not. A few minutes post midnight, I started hearing loud screams. It was clear that something was wrong; these were not protest slogans.

Suddenly, more than 100 men, some intoxicated, broke the gates of the hospital. They brought down the barricades and went on a rampage. As they hurled stones and sticks at protesters, terrified workers, doctors, and nurses ran looking for cover. The police fled, offering little or no help. Many police personnel were injured. Later, they told the media that they were not prepared to handle the mob.

Panic rising, I ran across the college campus, knocking on every door and pleading for shelter. All I wanted to do was to hide from the violent mob. Most of the students said they could not trust me enough to let me inside. They were suspicious of me and I couldn't blame them. The situation was already violent and the odds were stacked against them. Finally, one kind man took mercy and urged his peers to let me inside a seminar hall. I joined a group of people huddled inside. We stacked wooden planks and desks against the entrance in a desperate attempt to keep the mob out. I waited with them for hours, watching my phone in dismay as the battery threatened to die. Every time there was a bang on the door, we shivered in fear. The mob could be heard abusing people outside. They were trying their best to locate people hiding inside the campus. They finally went away and we walked out, relieved.

In June this year, I was covering another protest march in front of the South Calcutta Law College. For nearly three hours, there had barely been any activity. So, as human nature would have it, I let my guard down. But that was the calm before the storm.

The situation again escalated in seconds. A group of political workers who allegedly came to protest against the lack of safety of women started abusing the students who were agitating about the same issue. They hurled gendered abuses at us and beat up everyone who came in their way, including women. Caught in the crosshairs, I ran with other journalists. We looked for cover and found a tea shop. The police were nowhere to be seen this time too.

While reporting on protests against violence, reporters don't expect to be caught in the violence. Both these protests were in the heart of the city, yet I ended up feeling threatened. I wondered, if I felt this way in a crowd, how frightened and insecure must women feel while travelling alone at night? The experiences left me shaken and I realised that I would always have to watch my back. Journalists need to constantly look for a way out of such situations, to save ourselves and to tell the story.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

All eyes on Pandharpur

Warkaris, members of a Hindu religious tradition called the Warkari Sampradaya, dance on the banks of the Chandrabhagha river on the occasion of Aashadi Ekadashi in Pandharpur in Maharashtra. Ashadhi Ekadashi is a significant pilgrimage for devotees of Lord Vitthal. EMMANUAL YOGINI

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FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 11, 1975

Jeddah meet to consider Saudi move to set up Islamic oil fund

New Delhi, July 10: The Foreign Ministers of nearly 40 Afro-Asian Islamic States meeting in Jeddah this weekend will be considering the Saudi Arabian proposal for the creation of a special fund by the oil-rich Muslim countries to help out their Islamic brethren with credit and grant in footing the high costs of their oil imports. The participants in this conference include the more affluent Islamic countries like Iran, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia, the Gulf Sheikhdoms, Libya, Algeria and Nigeria, and Malaysia and Indonesia. One of the principal beneficiaries of this Islamic oil fund will be Pakistan, which is already receiving considerable financial assistance from Iran, Saudi Arabia and some of the Gulf Sheikhdoms. Apart from easing the burden of its payments position, the proposed subsidies from the Islamic fraternity will enable Pakistan to utilise some of the extra cash for buying arms from countries like the United States. There are reports that, besides commending the Saudi proposition for an Islamic oil fund, Pakistan has been actively campaigning for the support of the Muslim countries to its candidature for one of the Security Council seats falling vacant at the end of this year.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 11, 1925

Bombay cotton crisis

Bombay, July 10: The conversation between the Committee of the Bombay Mill-owners' Association and the local labour leaders have commenced. At a conference yesterday, the Chairman of the Mill-owners' Association explained to the labour leaders the position of the mill industry and told them that if immediate action was not taken half the mills would have to be closed down at once. The Mill-owners wanted to avoid extensive unemployment. At the same time they were anxious to reduce their losses.

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Consider Aadhaar, EPIC, ration card as proof: SC

Justice Bagchi concurred, stating that none of the 11 documents listed in the EC's June 24 notification established citizenship. "They are all meant to prove your identity. Yet, you [EC] stridently oppose the inclusion of Aadhaar... You can do your work but do it in accordance with the mandate of law. The statute, Representation of the People Act, allows Aadhaar," he said, addressing the EC, also represented by senior advocate K.K. Venugopal.

Mr. Dwivedi urged the court to clarify that it would be at the Commission's "discretion" to accept Aadhaar, EPIC or ration cards. Justice Dhulia responded that the court's order was "clear".

Mr. Dwivedi said the revision was necessary, as the last intensive revision in Bihar was in 2003. He said 60% of enumerations – around 5.5 crore – had already been completed, with half uploaded on the EC's new digital platform, ECI Net. "For the first time, we have created ECI Net where the documents would be uploaded. This drive need not be repeated, except for adding names," he said.

'Citizenship screening'

The petitioners, represented by senior advocates Kapil Sibal, A.M. Singhvi, Gopal Sankaranarayanan, Shadan Farasat and Vrinda Grover, described the SIR as "citizenship screening" of vulnerable groups under the guise of voter registration. They argued that the EC had no jurisdiction to ascertain citizenship, which was the responsibility of the Union Home Ministry.

Citing a Bihar government survey, Mr. Sibal submitted that 87% of the population had Aadhaar, while only 14% had matriculation certificates and 2% had passports. "This means a substantial portion of the population risk disenfranchisement despite having an Aadhaar," he said.

Justice Bagchi raised questions about the strict deadlines of the SIR process. "You say within 30 days citizens have to do this and another 30 days they have to do that... The timing is very short... Why is SIR so election-focused," he asked.

Mr. Sankaranarayanan questioned why the SIR, meant to be implemented nationwide, began in Bihar ahead of the election later this year.

Indian team to seek clarity on U.S. tariffs

As per a trade deal agreed with China towards the end of June, the U.S. will impose 30% tariffs on Chinese imports.

"More clarity has to come from the U.S. side," an official told *The Hindu*. "They have already sent letters to some countries, and have entered into an agreement with China, and now are saying they will impose additional tariffs on BRICS countries. Do the tariffs in the letters include this 10% additional tariff or not? How will a BRICS tariff affect India and the current proposed deal that is being negotiated?"

Apart from the letters to specific countries, Mr. Trump also announced a 50% tariff on all copper imports coming into the U.S.

Another government official confirmed to *The Hindu* that India plans to seek additional clarity on this.

"We are engaged with the U.S. team virtually, and an Indian team will be heading to the U.S. soon," the second official said.

This would be the third time that an Indian team of negotiators has travelled to the U.S. in the past few months to discuss the trade deal.

According to trade experts, these latest announcements call into question existing deals with the U.S.

"Trump's unpredictability raises concerns that even signed deals may be revisited," said Ajay Srivastava, former Director-General of Foreign Trade and founder of the think-tank Global Trade Research Initiative.

Chhattisgarh suspends 22 officials in 'liquor scam'

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

The Chhattisgarh government on Thursday suspended 22 senior Excise Department officials, three days after they were chargesheeted by investigators in the alleged liquor scam.

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) was investigating the case in which former State Excise Minister and Congress MLA Kawasi Lakhma and others were named as accused. In the chargesheet, it had named 29 Excise officials, of whom seven have retired. In the latest supplementary chargesheet, the agency has also revised upwards the estimate of the loss caused to the exchequer due to the alleged scam, pegging it at ₹3,200 crore from ₹2,161 crore earlier.

As per the ED, a syndicate of senior State bureaucrats, politicians, and Excise Department officials were accused of running a "parallel" excise department, wherein liquor was sold, but no money came to the State exchequer.

"...additional liquor was produced in distilleries and sent directly to the country liquor shops with high sales in the selected districts," the press statement from EOW added.

Centre identifies domestic firm for S-400 maintenance

Russia's Almaz-Antey, manufacturer of S-400 system, will collaborate with the Indian firm to set up a maintenance, repair and overhaul facility; move will reduce dependence on foreign entities

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

The Defence Ministry has identified an Indian firm to establish a maintenance repair and overhaul (MRO) facility for the S-400 air defence system in the country.

India now has three S-400 missile systems. Officially named Sudarshan Chakra, the S-400 had played a crucial role in taking down Pakistani drones and missiles fired towards more than 15 Indian cities in retaliation for Operation Sindoor launched by India in May.

A senior official in the Defence Ministry has confirmed that the plan to establish an MRO facility had been in the pipeline for some time but after Operation Sindoor, it was fast-tracked and an Indian firm has been identified for the job. The selection was done after several phases of security clearance and capability testing. Rules of engagement (RoE) have been drafted. Russia's Almaz-Antey, the manufacturer of the S-400 system, will collaborate with an Indian firm to establish the facility in India. A formal announcement will made soon.

Critical support: Officially named 'Sudarshan Chakra', the S-400 had played a crucial role in taking down Pakistani drones and missiles fired towards Indian cities. AFP

'Landmark move'

Another official who was aware of the development said that it is a landmark achievement under India-Russia military technical cooperation. "Now India will be self-reliant in maintaining advance air defence systems and it aligns with the 'Make In India' initiative of the government. It will help to overcome the challenges posed by international sanctions and supply chain disruption," the official said.

India launched Operation Sindoor in the first week of May targeting terror camps in Pakistan, in response to the attack on tourists in Pahalgam on April 22. On the intervening night of May 7-8, Pakistan attempted to engage more than 15 military targets using drones and missiles in northern and western part of the country. The Integrated Counter UAS Grid and Air Defence systems intercepted and neutralised the ballistic missiles and drones aimed at military installations.

On June 26, on the sidelines of the SCO meeting in China, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held a comprehensive bilateral meeting with Russian Defence Minister Andrey Belousov, over cooperation in defence and aviation sector between the countries.

India had earlier placed an order with Russia for five S-400 missile systems, and three have been delivered. During the SCO meeting, Russia confirmed that of the remaining two S-400s, one will be delivered in 2026 and the last in 2027.

₹1,066-crore aid to be given to six States hit by floods

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union government on Thursday approved the release of ₹1,066.8 crore to flood- and landslide-affected States of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Kerala, and Uttarakhand.

Among the six flood-affected States, Assam received ₹375.6 crore.

A sum of ₹29.2 crore was allocated to Manipur, ₹30.4 crore to Meghalaya, ₹22.8 crore to Mizoram, ₹153.2 crore to Kerala, and ₹455.6 crore to Uttarakhand as the Central share from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). These States have been affected by extremely heavy rainfall, floods, and landslides during this year's southwest monsoon, the Union Home Ministry said in a statement.

This year, the Centre has released ₹6,166 crore from the SDRF to 14 States and ₹1,988.91 crore from the National Disaster Relief Fund to 12 States.

The Union government has also provided logistical assistance, including deployment of the requisite National Disaster Response Force personnel, the Army and the Air Force to all the flood-, landslide-, and cloudburst-affected States, the Ministry said.

Security beefed up on Kanwar Yatra routes across U.P.

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The government said arrangements for essential facilities on the route will be of the highest standard

Uttar Pradesh is ramping up security for the upcoming Kanwar Yatra by deploying personnel from the Provincial Armed Constabulary, Anti-Terrorist Squad and Rapid Action Force along the pilgrimage route.

A statement said "587 gazetted officers, 2,040 Inspectors, 13,520 Sub-Inspectors, and 39,965 head constables" have been deployed for the yatra. The government has also arranged 29,454 closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras, 395 drones, 829 medical camps and 1,222 police helpdesks along the route.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directed officials to adopt a zero-tolerance approach towards those attempting to defile food items or engaging in similar disrespectful acts. The administration said arrangements for tents, food, and other essential facilities along the route, such as electricity and lighting arrangements, as well as cleanliness, will be of the highest standard.

Last year, the State made headlines when the government made it mandatory for food and beverage shops along the Kanwar routes to display the name and identity of the operator/owner. The Kanwar Yatra, the annual pilgrimage journey of Lord Shiva's devotees, is slated to begin on Friday.

J&K HC seeks Centre's response on visa status of deported Pak. woman

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Jammu & Kashmir High Court on Thursday sought a response from the Union Home Ministry regarding the status of the long-term visa (LTV) application of a 62-year-old homemaker who was deported to Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack.

The petitioner, Rakshanda Rashid, a Pakistani citizen married to an Indian, had lived in Jammu for 38 years on an LTV, which was annually renewed. She had applied for citizenship in 1996 but the request has yet to be processed and at the time of deportation, her LTV application was pending with the Ministry.

A Division Bench of Chief Justice Arun Palli and Justice Rajnesh Oswal orally asked the Ministry to furnish the reply on July 17, the next date of hearing. The matter could not be argued on Thursday, as Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, who was to appear on behalf of the Ministry, was busy in another case in the Supreme Court.

Rakshanda Rashid

The petitioner's counsel, Ankur Sharma, said they hoped for a solution within the legal framework. "The case could not be argued, but during oral discussion, we conveyed to the court that we want a solution and do not want to take an adversarial position against the government," Mr. Sharma said.

On June 29, the Ministry had appealed against a June 6 order by Justice Rahul Bharti, who directed the Union Home Secretary to bring back the petitioner from Pakistan in 10 days.

'Not sustainable'

The Ministry said the "judiciary should not override" the executive's decision to deport a foreign national, adding that the HC order was constitutionally impermissible and unsustainable, as it directed the enforcement of a judicial writ beyond the sovereign territory of India in Pakistan, where she was deported to, and was thus *ultra vires*.

The Ministry also said that the court's direction was "legally unenforceable and diplomatically untenable".

After the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people were killed, the Ministry cancelled the visas of all Pakistani citizens and asked them to leave the country by April 29. The order exempted those with LTVs or Pakistani women married to Indian citizens. The woman was deported despite the Ministry's guidelines stating that Muslim women who are married to Indian citizens and have applied for LTVs are not required to leave the country.

Ms. Rashid's daughter, Fatima Sheikh, had told *The Hindu* earlier that her mother was taken to the Attari border in Punjab by the J&K Police and expelled from the country on April 28.

Ms. Sheikh said her mother had no immediate relatives in Pakistan and was living alone in a hotel with little money.

Two students stab to death principal of Hisar school

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

A private school principal was stabbed to death by two teenage students on the school premises in Haryana's Hisar district on Thursday. The police said efforts were under way to apprehend the juveniles involved.

The students, both around 15, were allegedly angered by repeated reprimands from principal Jagbir Singh for indiscipline, said Hansi SP Amit Yashvardhan. "Preliminary probe suggests the principal had issued notices and often asked them to tuck in their shirts and trim their hair. Any personal rivalry will be revealed during the investigation," he said.

Tourism is slowly bouncing back in State, says J&K CM

Shrabana Chatterjee
KOLKATA

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah visited Kolkata on Thursday, and said that tourism was slowly bouncing back in the region after the Pahalgam terror attack in April. Sharing a message of hope and resilience, he asked people to rebuild their faith in J&K and visit the Union Territory to experience its hospitality first-hand. Mr. Abdullah said the government was taking multiple measures to ensure tourists' safety and security.

Speaking at the Travel & Tourism Fair in Kolkata, he said that West Bengal and J&K had always shared a bond that went beyond economic relations. He recounted that Bengal had always stood by them during tough times.

"Whenever possible, we meet tourists on the ground. I have been travelling to Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Sonmarg to interact with tourists and understand their feelings," Mr. Abdullah said while answering a question from *The Hindu*.

He also acknowledged that the Pahalgam attack had had a massive impact on the psyche of people but also said that they were doing everything in their power to win back people's trust.

Mr. Abdullah also added that security control now lay with the Centre after the abrogation of special provisions of Article 370.

Tennis player shot dead in Gurugram; father arrested

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

A 25-year-old State-level tennis player running a sports academy was shot dead allegedly by her father here on Thursday. The accused was apparently not in favour of his daughter, Radhika Yadav, running the academy and wanted her to close it down.

Radhika sustained three bullet injuries after her father, Deepak Yadav, 49, shot her point-blank around 10.30 a.m. at their residence in Sector 57 here, Gurugram Police spokesperson Sandeep Kumar said. Mr. Yadav allegedly shot her from behind with his licenced revolver when she was preparing meals in the kitchen.

Mr. Yadav, a native of Wazirabad village, is a realtor. Radhika was running the sports academy in the village. He was not happy about it because fellow villagers taunted him for "living off his daughter". He wanted her to shut the academy, which she did not agree to. Both had frequent arguments on the issue. He reportedly shot her after one such argument on Thursday.

Radhika Yadav

A fellow villager told *The Hindu*, on condition of anonymity, that they were shocked to hear the news as Mr. Yadav spoke highly of his daughter and had always encouraged her to pursue tennis.

"Deepak is very friendly and social. I found it difficult to believe. The academy was running well. She had also recently shot a promotion video for her academy," said the villager.

Mr. Yadav along with his wife, and two children, including a son, resided on the first floor of the house, while his younger brother Kuldeep, also a real estate agent, stayed on the ground floor with his family. "Kuldeep and his family members rushed to the first floor after they heard the gunshots and found Radhika lying in a pool of blood," Mr. Kumar said.

3 get death penalty in Bengal POCSO case

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

A special POCSO court in Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal has sentenced three men – Rahaman Ali, Jamirul, and Tamirul, aged 27 to 35 – to death for the rape and murder of a 15-year-old girl in 2020.

The victim, a Class 10 madrasa student, was abducted, repeatedly sexually assaulted, and strangled. Her decomposed body was found in an under-construction septic tank 12 days after she went missing.

The court observed that the crime fell under the "rarest of the rare" category.

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Cong. flays govt. over 'repeated' failures, demands SIT probe

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Jignesh Mevani

A day after the bridge collapse in Vadodara, the Congress demanded the resignation of Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi over "repeated" failures and alleged that there have been 16 such incidents in the State in the past four years.

The party on Thursday demanded a special investigation team (SIT) probe and sought answers from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah since both are from Gujarat.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, in a post on X, alleged corruption, incompetence and a leadership crisis prevailed under the BJP rule. "Accidents have become common in the country. Sometimes a train accident, sometimes a bridge developing cracks soon after inauguration. The country has not yet recovered from the plane crash and yesterday, the news of a bridge collapse came from Gujarat," Mr. Kharge said on X.

Addressing a press conference at the All India Congress Committee headquarters, party MLA from Gujarat Jignesh Mevani and Congress Seva Dal chief Lalji Desai squarely blamed the Gujarat government for the bridge collapse.

Mr. Mevani said that people from adjacent areas had repeatedly flagged concerns about the bridge, warning that it could collapse any time, but the concerns were ignored. He claimed that the bridge collapse was only one of a series of 16 major tragedies that took place during the last four years, but "not a single person had been held responsible".

Death toll in bridge collapse rises to 18; two still missing

Gujarat CM suspends four engineers; two trucks remain submerged in river in Vadodara; search hampered by rain and muddy river bed; efforts on to shift chemical tanker stuck on the bridge

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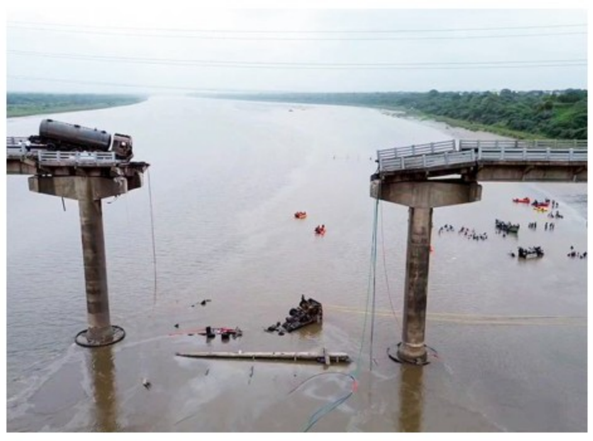
A tanker hangs precariously on the edge as the Gambhira bridge on the Mahisagar river, connecting Vadodara and Anand, collapsed. ANI

The number of fatalities in the Vadodara bridge collapse climbed to 18 on Thursday, following the recovery of six more bodies, according to officials. Two persons are still missing, they said.

The incident occurred after a section of the four-decade-old Gambhira bridge in Gujarat's Vadodara district collapsed early on Wednesday, sending several vehicles crashing into the Mahisagar river below.

The bridge served as a vital link between central Gujarat and the Saurashtra regions, connecting Anand and Vadodara districts. It was built in 1985 by a Lucknow-based company.

District Collector Anil Dhameliya told *The Hindu* that at dawn, a joint team of NDRF personnel, bullet train project personnel, local firefighters, and divers resumed its search in the river amid swift currents. "Two trucks are still stuck in the river... two more persons are missing, and we believe they are stuck in those trucks," he said.

"Rescue efforts are being hampered by continuous rain and a thick layer of mud on the riverbed. Machinery is ineffective under these conditions. Even a 150-tonne crane failed to fish the vehicles out. A temporary bridge is being constructed on the riverbank to help teams reach the vehicles submerged in the river," Mr. Dhameliya said. "People can call our control room and inform us about other missing persons," he said

Probe ordered

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has ordered a comprehensive, high-level investigation into the collapse of the bridge, and suspended four officials for alleged negligence.

A high-level technical team from the Roads and Buildings Department reached the site early morning to conduct an investigation.

Based on its preliminary findings, the Chief Minister suspended executive engineer N.M. Nayakawala, deputy executive engineers U.C. Patel and R.T. Patel, and assistant engineer J.V. Shah.

He also ordered a thorough inspection of all bridges in the State, a statement from the CMO said.

Authorities are also prioritising the safe removal of a chemical-laden tanker stuck near the collapsed section to prevent environmental hazards. Officials from the Gujarat Pollution Control Board conducted an inspection this morning to assess potential risks.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel condoled the loss of lives in the tragedy and announced *ex gratia* amounts of ₹2 lakh and ₹4 lakh respectively, for the families of the deceased, and ₹50,000 for each injured person.

Relief for democracy: Cong. on SC's take on SIR process in Bihar

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Thursday said the Supreme Court's suggestion that the Election Commission (EC) should allow Aadhaar cards, voter-ID cards and ration cards in the Special Intensive Revision of the electoral rolls in Bihar has come as a "relief for democracy" and is a "significant advance" in the case.

Congress general secretary, organisation, K.C. Venugopal pointed out that the top court will hear the case again later this month, while expressing hope that the EC will go with the court's suggestion.

"Basically, it is a relief for democracy. The case is again fixed for the 28th of this month," Mr. Venugopal told presspersons, when asked about the Supreme Court's suggestion.

He said the court asking the EC to allow Aadhaar cards, ration cards and voter-ID cards for the identification of voters during the special exercise was in itself a big thing. "That itself is the biggest thing coming from the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has given its view through that to ensure that Aadhaar cards, ration cards and election-ID cards should be part of a verification process in a democratic set up. I think the EC will go with that suggestion of the Supreme Court," he said.

Work hard to get votes, BJP tells Opposition

NEW DELHI

The BJP on Thursday said the Supreme Court allowing the Election Commission (EC) to continue with the special intensive revision of the electoral roll in Bihar is a "setback" to the Opposition parties that are protesting against the exercise. It asked them to work hard to get the votes, instead of raising a hue and cry over the exercise.

BJP's national spokesperson Rajiv Pratap Rudy said that the electoral body initiated SIR ahead of the State Assembly election to ensure that only eligible voters exercised their franchise. PTI

Tharoor's article on Emergency sets off war of words between Cong., BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

When a colleague starts repeating BJP lines word for word, you begin to wonder – is the bird becoming a parrot? Mimicry is cute in birds, not in politics
MANICKAM TAGORE
Congress MP

An article by senior Congress leader and Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor in a Malayalam newspaper, in which he was critical of the Emergency period, triggered a war of words between Congress and BJP leaders on Thursday.

Without naming Mr. Tharoor, Lok Sabha member from Tamil Nadu Manickam Tagore said when a colleague repeats lines used by the BJP, the bird becomes a parrot.

Hitting back, the BJP said while it had taken 50 years for a Congress leader to realise the excesses of Emergency, some leaders are still displaying the same "mindset".

No formal response

The Congress, however, has not offered any formal response to Mr. Tharoor's piece on Emergency.

The controversy started after Mr. Tharoor wrote a piece in the Malayalam daily *Deepika* in which he described Emergency as a "dark chapter" and noted that the people of the country responded clearly to the excesses of that period by voting Indira Gandhi out of power by a large margin.

"When a colleague starts repeating BJP lines word for word, you begin to wonder – is the bird becoming a parrot? Mimicry is cute in birds, not in politics." Mr. Tagore said in a post. Though he didn't name the colleague, the reference to Mr. Tharoor was lost on none as the bird analogy was used by the Thiruvananthapuram MP himself last month in his response to the Congress president, Mallikarjun Kharge.

On June 25, when reporters pointed out that Mr. Tharoor had lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's handling of foreign policy post Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor, Mr. Kharge had said his party believed in the "country first" mantra but for some, it is "Modi first and country later".

Shamelessness: BJP

Responding to a query about Mr. Tharoor drawing criticism from his own party colleagues, BJP MP and spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said if the Congress was opposing his remarks against Emergency, it was clear that the party considered the mentality of Emergency to be correct and even today they supported it with complete "shamelessness".

"Why was Emergency imposed? Because Indira Gandhi *ji*'s election was cancelled. So, the Congress said the recognition of constitutional institutions would be decided based on their electoral victory and defeat. And, now you have seen the demonstration held in Bihar, their mentality has not changed in 50 years," Mr. Trivedi said.

Aadhaar has been actively used for voter enrolment in earlier elections

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

The sample enumeration form given with the SIR instructions on June 24 gives a column for the voter to give his or her Aadhaar number, but it is optional. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Even as the Supreme Court on Thursday asked the Election Commission (EC) to include Aadhaar in the list of documents for enrolment during the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar, a glance through the instructions issued by the poll panel for the SIR shows Aadhaar has been mentioned only once.

The sample enumeration form given with the SIR instructions on June 24 gives a column for the voter to give his or her Aadhaar number, but it is optional.

However, Aadhaar has been actively used for voter enrolment in earlier elections. The Manual on Electoral Rolls issued in March 2023 gives an elector the option of furnishing Aadhaar as both a proof of age and ordinary residence, two prerequisites for registration as a voter.

Aadhaar linking with voter ID has, in fact, been looked at as a practical solution for tackling duplicate voters.

Pilot project

It was in February 2015, that the EC first launched a pilot project to study the linking of Aadhaar with electoral rolls called the National Electoral Rolls Purification and Authentication Programme (NERPAP). It had linked more than 300 million voters in a span of three months. The Supreme Court halted this project through an interim order issued in August of that year on the issue of Right to Privacy, which is guaranteed under the Constitution, and created a three-prong test to assess whether a law violates this right. Following this order, the NERPAP exercise was discontinued.

After the Supreme Court's final order in *Puttaswamy* case in September 2018, that upheld the constitutional validity of the Aadhaar Act, the EC sought amendments to the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

Parliament amended the Representation of the People Act and the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 in December 2021 to enable the linking of Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) with Aadhaar.

On Thursday, the EC, however, urged the top court to observe in its order that it would be left to the "discretion" of the poll body to accept Aadhaar, voter ID or ration cards as documentary proof for voter registration.

MEA slams Punjab CM for mocking Modi's travels abroad

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

The Government of India on Thursday disassociated itself from the comments made by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann mocking Prime Minister Narendra Modi's just-concluded five-nation tour of countries with "population of 10,000" and for the awards he received there.

In a sternly worded statement, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) objected to the comments made by a "high state authority about India's relations with friendly countries from the Global South".

"These remarks are irresponsible and regrettable and do not behove the state authority," the MEA said.

"The Government of India disassociates itself from such unwarranted comments that undermine India's ties with friendly countries."

Sources clarified that the MEA statement referred to comments made during Mr. Mann's press conference on Thursday in Chandigarh about Mr. Modi's foreign travels and in particular his nine-day tour to Ghana, Trinidad and Tobago, Argentina, Brazil and Namibia.

Mr. Mann, a former comedian and actor, said he was not sure which countries the PM had been visiting, referring to them with fictitious names like "Magnesia, Galvesia, Tarvesia".

"[Mr. Modi] does not want to stay in a country with a population of 140 crores [India]," Mr. Mann said. "The countries he is visiting have a population of just 10,000, and he gets their biggest awards, but in India 10,000 people gather just to see a JCB [digger and bulldozer vehicle] at work," he added, laughing.

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Moderate earthquake jolts NCR; epicentre near Jhajjar

A moderate earthquake of magnitude 4.4 with its epicentre near Jhajjar in Haryana occurred at 9.04 am on Thursday morning sending tremors across the Delhi NCR region. The National Centre for Seismology said that the epicentre was 3 km northeast of Jhajjar and 51 km west of Delhi. The earthquake struck at a depth of 10 km at 9.04 a.m., it said. While many people felt the impact of the earthquake and rushed out of their homes in panic, R.K. Singh, scientist, National Centre for Seismology, said, "It was a moderate earthquake, so there is no need to panic. People may have experienced slight shaking, but there is no danger of any damage."

Uttarakhand CM to launch an operation against fake saints

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Thursday directed the State police to initiate Operation Kalanemi, targeting individuals impersonating saints and cheating the public. "Such impersonators not only hurt the religious sentiments of the people, but also disturb the social harmony and destroy the image of *Sanatana Dharma*," he said. Drawing a parallel with *Kalanemi* – a demon in Hindu mythology who tried to mislead by disguising himself as a saint – he said impersonators posing as *sadhu-sant* exploit the faith of devotees. He said that strict action would be taken against such people, regardless of their religious background.

Migrant workers from West Bengal allege ill-treatment by Odisha Police

Workers say alternative document verification unnecessarily prolonged, they never imagined they would be asked to prove Indian nationality; Odisha Police, however, remain tight-lipped about their detention of migrant workers from West Bengal

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

Migrant workers from West Bengal say they are being harassed by the Odisha Police, who are in the process of verifying the identities of Bengali-speaking people suspected to be foreign nationals, including Bangladeshis and Rohingya.

Over the past three days, the Jharsuguda police have detained 444 people working in the construction and mining sectors, verifying their identities as part of an ongoing drive to deport Bangladeshis and Rohingyas from the country. According to the police, the primary documents being sought are birth certificates and passports.

However, many of the detained workers hail from rural areas of West Bengal and do not possess formal birth certificates. In the absence of this key document, their release is being delayed.

"My brother-in-law is 37 years old. No one from our locality used to apply for birth certificates at the time of birth. We never imagined that one day we would be asked to produce a birth certificate to prove our Indian nationality," said the relative of a detained migrant worker.

Back home: West Bengal Police with workers who were released after being detained by the Odisha Police. ANI

As detentions drag on, anxious family members say they have submitted land documents from Murshidabad and Hooghly, and their relatives' Aadhaar cards in an attempt to secure their release.

However, the police are reportedly slow in processing these alternative proofs.

Workers who spoke to *The Hindu* did so on the condition of anonymity, fearing reprisals from the police.

"We were picked up at 2.30 a.m. They took away our phones, so we could not immediately inform our families. They handed out forms requiring supporting documents like a birth certificate, Aadhaar, PAN card, and voter ID. Luckily, I managed to get my birth certificate sent to me. I was released after two days," said a worker who was freed on Wednesday.

Following their release, the workers were allowed to return to their local residences and jobs, where they are employed as masons, mining labourers, and tile workers.

However, employers have also reportedly been asked by the police to submit video evidence confirming their association with the detained individuals.

'Dignity was missing'

"Conditions in the holding centres were described as worse than jail. For nearly 500 migrant workers, there were only three bathrooms," said a worker.

"The day began with a cup of red tea, followed by dry flattened rice and jaggery for breakfast. There were no plates provided – dignity was missing. Lunch was served at 2.30 p.m. and dinner at 11.30 p.m., usually rice and *dalma* (dal cooked with vegetables). We were not allowed to arrange food from outside. We did not commit any crime to be treated like this," said one worker.

The Odisha Police remained tight-lipped about their detention of migrant workers from West Bengal.

'Treated like trespassers in their own country'

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Expressing her concern on the plight of migrant workers from West Bengal working in BJP-ruled states, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday said that power and water supply had been disconnected in Jai Hind Colony in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, a settlement predominantly inhabited by Bengalis.

"We will not remain silent while people from Bengal are treated like trespassers in their own country. Bengal stands in solidarity with every oppressed voice," Ms. Banerjee said.

Ashwini Vaishnaw reviews safety issues at level crossings

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after the tragic incident of a passenger train colliding with a school van at a level crossing in Tamil Nadu's Cuddalore district, which killed three children, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw reviewed railway safety matters on July 9, and issued directions for provision of CCTV systems at all level crossings, officials said.

"It has been directed that CCTV systems should be provided at all the level crossing (LC) gates, along with the necessary recording systems. The power supply for the CCTV should also be made available at the LC gate. The power supply can be based on solar panels, battery back-up, UPS etc., in addition to a commercial supply. This activity is to be completed in mission mode," a senior railway official who attended the review said.

15-day safety drive

Officials said that a 15-day safety inspection drive on the LC gates in block sections has also been launched.

Axiom-4 mission likely to undock on July 14: NASA

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, who is part of the Axiom-4 (Ax-04) mission at the International Space Station (ISS), and his three crew members are expected to undock from the orbiting laboratory on July 14.

"...the targeted time to undock the mission is July 14," said Steve Stich, manager, NASA Commercial Crew Program.

During their stay at the ISS, the Ax-4 research complement included around 60 scientific studies, experiments and activities representing 31 countries, including the U.S., India, Poland, Hungary, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Nigeria, the United Arab Emirates, and several nations across Europe.

NITI Aayog suggests reduced 'core' grant support for State S&T bodies

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The NITI Aayog has recommended that the Department of Science and Technology (DST) cut its 'core grant support' for State Science and Technology (S&T) Councils and pare them down to 'project-based support'. The recommendations are part of a report, "Roadmap for strengthening State Science and Technology Councils", made public on Thursday.

The State S&T Councils are a vital source of funding for scientific research, science popularisation, patent applications, and scientific policy-support activities.

NITI Aayog Vice-Chairperson Suman Bery with V. K. Saraswat and Jitendra Singh during the release of the report on Thursday. PTI

Minuscule source

Since the 1970s, such councils have acted to "decentralise" scientific governance such that States can execute science and research in tune with their specific socio-economic conditions. Funds from the Union government, primarily the DST, are already a minuscule source of revenue. For instance, of the ₹300-crore annual budget in Gujarat's State Science and Technology Council, only ₹1.07 crore came from the Centre. In the case of Kerala's ₹150 crore, the Centre's contribution was zero. From 2016 to 2022, the DST notes, 28 States and three Union Territories have been supported.

However, the bulk of India's scientific output and productivity was coming from Centrally funded institutions, with the NITI Aayog, in its report, saying that in recent decades, the State S&T Councils have been facing an "uphill task" of keeping up with rapid changes in the research and development (R&D) landscape. "As evident from some recent reports, a significant part of India's S&T research outcomes come from Central government institutions, and the State-administered institutions are yet to make a meaningful contribution...," the report notes.

The report, which was a result of a two-month consultation with representatives from State Councils, has several findings. The comparative budget analysis of State S&T Councils for 2023-24 and 2024-25, it says, revealed a 17.65% increase in total funding, reflecting growing investment in scientific research and innovation at the State level. However, the disparity in allocations "raised concern" about regional imbalances in S&T development.

Delhi HC stays the release of *Udaipur Files*, directs petitioners to move Centre

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Thursday stayed the release of the film *Udaipur Files*, based on the Kanhaiya Lal murder case, while allowing the clerics' body Jamiat Ulema-i-Hind and other petitioners to approach the Centre for a review of the certification granted by the Central Board of Film Certification.

The film was originally scheduled to hit the screens on July 11.

The film was scheduled to hit the screens on July 11. Lal, an Udaipur-based tailor, was murdered in June 2022, allegedly by Mohammad Riyaz and Mohammad Ghous, for "sharing" a social media post in support of former BJP leader Nupur Sharma after her controversial comments on Prophet Muhammed.

A Bench of Chief Justice D.K. Upadhyaya and Justice Anish Dayal directed the petitioners to approach the Centre within two days with their grievance. Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind had moved the court alleging that the film "promotes hate speech and breaches the certification guidelines". The CBFC informed the court that it had ordered cuts that "effectively addressed the petitioners' concerns".

"Counsel for the petitioner has stated that the very intent of the movie is a complete vilification of a community, and that it has a running theme portraying a community as being violent, responsible for causing riots and as being constantly in touch with terrorists in a neighbouring country. The film shows persons belonging to a particular community in a negative light," the court said.

The Supreme Court clarified it did not pass any written order when it refused to urgently list the plea against the film screening. The clarification came after senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Mohammed Javed, an accused, said confusion arose due to the Bench's remark, "Let the film be released."

(With PTI inputs)

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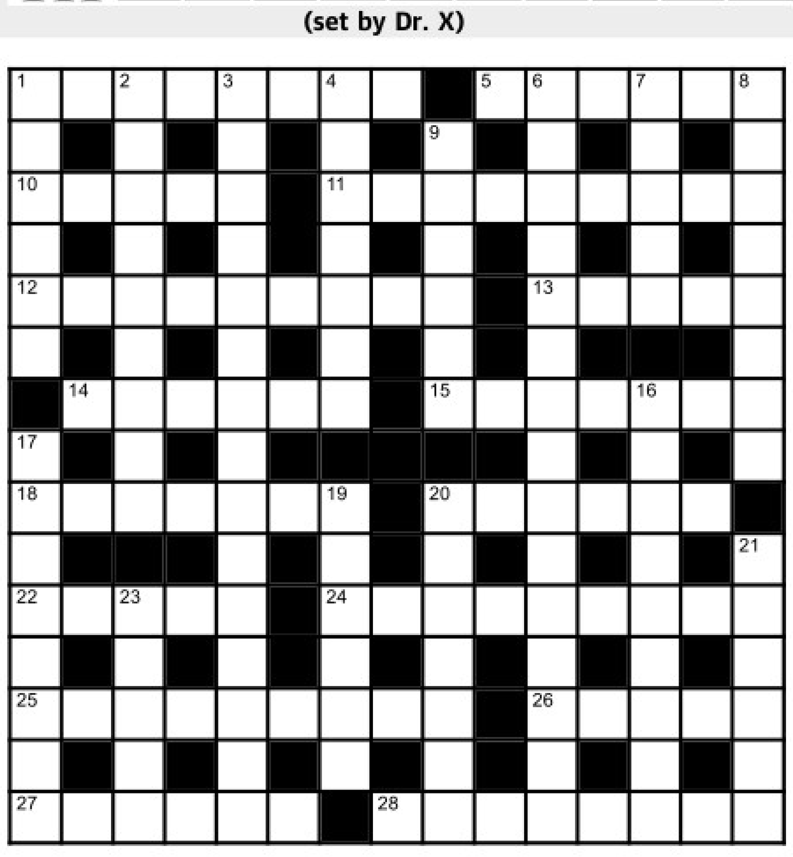

Across

1 Mafia sent criminal to kill associate? That's obvious (8)
5 Dolt is awfully dull (6)
10 Mark area encompassing island's marshy pine forest (5)
11 Fine coat over sheer shirt in German city (9)
12 Left as husband is vile and adulterous (9)
13 Fermented rye in Kenyan town (5)
14 Listens to essentially sensational American newspaper publisher (6)
15 Rob English prince in bar (7)
18 Bid to acquire a small, stylish medieval helmet (7)
20 Wavy border in image, not ordinary (6)
22 Sacks filled with oriental gowns (5)
24 Having hardened skin? Need to get bit of ointment applied (9)
25 Gets eager, cracks sequence of code hidden in software (6,3)
26 Prepare pastry on reflection to welcome queen (5)
27 Scoring a little LSD, nut idly totters in state of undress (6)
28 Reevaluate fancy sarees with sequins at the borders (8)

Down

1 Ideas by doctor beginning to speak about recurrent seizure (6)
2 Rowdy behaviour in boisterous session, drinking at home (9)
3 Poor son, tense after parent smuggles drug to make money dishonestly (7,4,4)
4 Most smooth in very fine audition (7)
6 Instruction to cops when jails are full to be utterly ruthless (4,2,9)
7 Run to pick up a little unusual magnifying glass (5)
8 Comprehensive performance, taking time and trouble (8)
9 Resulted in scoundrel taking advantage (6)
16 Rogue devised ruse to swindle (9)
17 Dancing bare on ecstasy inside retreat in Scottish city (8)
19 Slip in grove, cutting front of hand (6)
20 Criminal conceals trunk close to lake in German city (7)
21 Shot a despot eliminating old masters (6)
23 Located in Swiss city, taking diamonds for lady (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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1	2	7	6	8	9	3	5	4
3	1	4	5	2	7	9	6	8
2	8	9	3	6	1	5	4	7
6	7	5	9	4	8	2	1	3

FAITH

Praising Rama's qualities

Vedanta Desika's Sanskrit work Raghuveeragadyam is a work in praise of Lord Rama. Praising Lord Rama's qualities as seen in the Bala Kanda of Valmiki Ramayana, Vedanta Desika says Lord Narayana took the Rama avatara because the celestials wanted to be saved from Dasavadana (ten-faced Ravana). Desika then speaks of the greatness of the family in which Rama was born, elaborated T.N. Aravamuda Thathachariar in a discourse. Rama was born in Dinakara kula, says Desika, in a reference to the illustrious Surya Vamsa to which Lord Rama's ancestors belonged. By being born the son of king Dasaratha, Lord Rama saved the latter from the third debt. Every man has three debts – a debt to sages, a debt to the devas and a debt to his ancestors. While Dasaratha, through the study of Vedas and performance of yagas, had taken care of the first two debts, the third debt was taken care of only when Rama was born. Rama would continue to do whatever was needed for the manes of the Ikshvaku family, and thus Dasaratha no longer had to worry about his debt to his ancestors. Thus, Rama settled Dasaratha's third debt.

Vedanta Desika also talks of the Ahalya episode. He says Ahalya was rid of her curse by Rama, and restored to her original form, and went on to worship Rama. Desika goes on to praise the mighty shoulders of Rama, which made the breaking of the Siva Dhanus in Janaka's court very easy. What is impossible for others is just child's play to Rama. Rama's eyes stole the beauty of lotuses, which open up when they see their friend, the Sun. Desika, in his Raghuveera Gadyam, praises Rama's qualities as shown by Valmiki in each kanda.

INBRIEF

U.K. to join France, Bharti in capital infusion in Eutelsat

Eutelsat Group, which runs the OneWeb satellite internet constellation, will receive an additional investment of €90 million (₹903 crore) from the U.K. government as part of a fresh capital infusion. "This new capital injection will allow Eutelsat to go further in developing innovative new technologies under the leadership of its new CEO, Jean-François Fallacher," Sunil Bharti Mittal, Bharti Group chairman who also serves as Eutelsat's co-chairman, said in a statement.

Reliance Jio is likely to delay IPO beyond this year

Reliance Jio Platforms, led by billionaire Mukesh Ambani, has decided to postpone its planned IPO this year, sources said. Valued by analysts at over $100 billion, Jio has chalked up ambitious plans to achieve higher revenue. The share price of Reliance Industries Ltd., which owns Jio, fell 1.8% after the Reuters report. Reliance Jio is set to lock horns with Elon Musk's Starlink when it forays into the Indian market. Jio has partnered with Nvidia to develop AI infrastructure. REUTERS

Government mulling stake sale in LIC to meet norms

The government is working on further stake sale in Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India and the disinvestment department will work out details, sources said. The government, at present, holds 96.5% stake in the insurance behemoth. It sold 3.5% through an initial public offering in May 2022 for around ₹21,000 crore. The government needs to offload 6.5% in LIC to meet the mandated 10% public shareholding by May 16, 2027. PTI

Priya Nair

Priya Nair to be CEO and MD of HUL

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Hindustan Unilever Ltd. (HUL) has announced that Priya Nair, who is currently president, beauty and well-being, Unilever, will be appointed chief executive officer and managing director, HUL, effective August 1. She will be the first woman to hold the post in the FMCG major.

Ms. Nair will also join the HUL Board, subject to required approvals, and continue to be a member of the Unilever Leadership Executive. Rohit Jawa will step down as CEO and MD on July 31.

TCS posts 6% rise in Q1 net profit, gives interim dividend

Revenue at ₹63,437 crore grew 1.3% year-on-year for the quarter; operating margin at 24.5% has seen an expansion of 30 bps quarter-on-quarter; wage hike not announced for employees

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

In the backdrop of global uncertainties and geopolitical issues impacting businesses, Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. (TCS) reported 6% growth in net profit at ₹12,760 crore over the year ago period aided by one time gain of ₹600 crore for the first quarter of 2025-26 ending June 30.

Revenue at ₹63,437 crore for the quarter, grew 1.3% year-on-year (YoY). However, the revenue declined 3.1% YoY in constant currency. Operating margin at 24.5% has seen an expansion of 30 bps quarter-on-quarter (QoQ). The net margin during the quarter was 20.1%. Net cash from operations at ₹12,804 crore was 100.3% of the net income during the quarter.

The board has announced an interim dividend of ₹11 per share. Record date of dividend is July 16 and payment date is August 4.

K. Krithivasan, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of TCS, said: "The continued global macro-economic and geo-political uncertainties caused a demand contraction."

Aarthi Subramanian, Executive Director - President and Chief Operating Officer who addressed the TCS press conference for the first time after joining during the last quarter, said: "Across industries, clients are increasingly shifting their focus from using case-based approach to ROI-led scaling of AI. We are investing across the AI ecosystem, including infrastructure, data platform solutions, AI agents and business applications. Launching TCS Sovereign-SecureTM Cloud, TCS Digi-BOLTTM, and TCS Cyber Defense Suite, to accelerate India's AI led transformation was a particular highlight of this quarter," she said.

Due to uncertainties in business environment, the company has not announced any wage increase neither indicated any time frame. However, it said wage increase should be announced during the year. It said it would honour all the job offers it had made on the campuses.

Life insurance companies record 3% dip in new business for June

N. Ravi Kumar
HYDERABAD

Life insurers in India reported new business for June declined 3% to ₹41,117.14 crore from ₹42,433.69 crore a year earlier, after two months of uptick in the premium this fiscal and as the number of covers sold remain comparatively lower.

For the quarter ended June, the new business premium rose 4.25% to ₹93,544.54 crore (₹89,726.70 crore). This came on a more than 10% decline in the number of policies/schemes sold during the three months at 48.25 lakh (53.68 lakh). In June, the insurers sold 20.06 lakh (21.79 lakh) policies, the updated numbers released on Thursday by Life Insurance Council showed.

The new business of State-owned Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) for June was 3.42% lower year-on-year at ₹27,395 crore (₹28,366.87 crore). For the first quarter, the market leader's premium was 3.43% higher at ₹59,410.68 crore (₹57,440.90 crore).

Private life insurance companies' new business premium for June was 2.45% lower at ₹13,722.14 crore (₹14,066.82 crore).

'Order on RCom's loan account withdrawn'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

The Canara Bank on Thursday informed the Bombay High Court that it has withdrawn its order classifying as "fraudulent" the loan account of Reliance Communications of industrialist Anil Ambani.

After the bank's disclosure, a Bench of Justices Revati Mohite Dere and Neela Gokhale disposed of the petition filed by Mr. Ambani challenging the bank's order, saying nothing survives in it.

The Bench said the withdrawal order shall be informed to the Reserve Bank of India.

On November 8, 2024, the bank classified the loan account as "fraud" for reasons including that of a ₹1,050 crore loan extended in 2017 was "routed" to a group company.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	83,190	-0.41
US Dollar	85.70	0.03
Gold	98,670	0.25
Brent oil	68.66	-2.33

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2581.00	-2.00
Adani Ports	1443.10	0.10
Apollo Hosp	7359.00	-110.00
Asian Paints	2451.20	-47.70
Axis Bank	1164.30	-0.40
Bajaj Auto	8285.00	-76.00
Bajaj Finserv	2039.40	13.00
Bajaj Finance	947.65	7.05
Bharat Elec	413.50	-4.15
Bharti Airtel	1964.50	-55.20
Cipla	1477.80	-13.90
Coal India	384.05	-3.40
Dr Reddys Lab	1262.60	-6.80
Eicher Motors	5652.00	-43.00
Eternal Ltd.	262.85	-1.70
Grasim Ind	2775.10	-22.80
HCL Tech	1663.70	-10.30
HDFC Bank	2006.20	-5.00
HDFC Life	771.25	-15.05
Hero MotoCorp	4321.30	-11.80
Hindalco	675.05	1.10
Hind Unilever	2408.40	-15.00
ICICI Bank	1424.10	-7.80
IndusInd Bank	852.85	12.10
Infosys	1615.80	-17.90
ITC	416.85	-2.60
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	331.65	1.80
JSW Steel	1043.30	2.90
Kotak Bank	2203.80	-25.50
L&T	3574.70	-5.00
M&M	3162.40	-13.90
Maruti Suzuki	12650.00	180.00
NestleIndia	2401.40	-26.40
NTPC	341.45	-2.55
ONGC	243.09	-0.26
PowerGrid Corp	299.25	-0.40
Reliance Ind	1517.20	-1.80
SBI Life	1810.20	-4.70
State Bank	808.00	-2.95
Shriram Finance Ltd.	671.75	-9.30
Sun Pharma	1662.50	-6.90
TataConsumerProduct	1088.90	-9.00
Tata Motors	695.60	2.80
Tata Steel	160.66	1.66
TCS	3382.00	-1.80
Tech Mahindra	1600.10	-14.70
Titan	3419.80	-12.30
Trent Ltd.	5431.00	23.00
UltraTech Cement	12516.00	-46.00
Wipro	265.05	-2.75

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 10

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	85.44	85.76
Euro	100.08	100.46
British Pound	116.01	116.45
Japanese Yen (100)	58.40	58.62
Chinese Yuan	11.91	11.95
Swiss Franc	107.36	107.78
Singapore Dollar	66.76	67.03
Canadian Dollar	62.45	62.69
Malaysian Ringitt	20.10	20.19
Australian Dollar	56.04	56.26

Source:Indian Bank

BRUSSELS

EU lands a deal with Israel to increase the flow of aid into Gaza

REUTERS

The EU on Thursday struck a deal with Israel to increase aid access to Gaza that should see more food trucks entering and the opening of additional crossing points. "Today, we reached an agreement with Israel to expand humanitarian access to Gaza," European Union foreign affairs chief Kaja Kallas wrote on X. AFP

ROME

'Stay with' Europeans on Ukraine, Germany's Merz tells U.S. President

AFP

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz urged U.S. President Donald Trump to "stay with" Europeans in maintaining support for Ukraine — while calling out Slovakia for blocking new EU curbs on Russia. He added a message to Russian President Vladimir Putin, saying: "We will not give up" in resisting his campaign against Ukraine. AFP

KUALA LUMPUR

Russia and U.S. top diplomats hold 'frank exchange' in Malaysia meet

REUTERS

Russian and American top diplomats held a "frank exchange" as they met in Malaysia, Moscow said, with U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio saying his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov had shared a "new idea" on Ukraine. Mr. Rubio said the proposal could "potentially open the door to a path" to peace. AFP

WASHINGTON

Trump hits Brazil with 50% tariff over cases against Jair Bolsonaro

AFP

U.S. President Donald Trump announced a 50% tariff against Brazil as he blasted the trial of the country's former leader Jair Bolsonaro. In response, Brazil President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva warned of possible reciprocation, saying "any unilateral tariff increases will be addressed in light of the Brazilian Law of Economic Reciprocity". AFP

At least 52 killed by Israeli forces in Gaza Strip

Agence France-Presse
GAZA CITY

Gaza's civil defence agency on Thursday said at least 52 people, including eight children, were killed by Israeli forces in the Palestinian territory battered by more than 21 months of war.

The latest deadly strikes and gunfire came just hours after Hamas, which runs Gaza, announced it was willing to release 10 hostages as part of indirect ceasefire talks with Israel.

Civil defence official Mohammad al-Mughair told AFP that 17 people were killed in a strike in front of a medical point in Deir el-Balah in central Gaza.

Mughair said eight children and two women were killed in the strike.

U.S. curbs against Albanese sets dangerous precedent: UN

UN rights chief also calls for a halt to attacks against people appointed by the UN and the ICC; the UN Human Rights Council special rapporteur says she will continue to do what she has to do

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

The UN warned on Thursday that Washington was setting a "dangerous precedent" by imposing sanctions on a UN expert for criticising U.S. policy on Gaza and called for the cancellation of the action.

UN rights chief Volker Turk also called for a halt to "attacks and threats" against people appointed by the UN and international institutions such as the International Criminal Court, whose judges have also been hit with U.S. sanctions.

"I urge the prompt reversal of U.S. sanctions against a special rapporteur of the UN Human Rights Council, Francesca Albanese, in response to work she has undertaken under the mandate on the situation of human rights in the occupied Palestinian territory," Mr. Turk said in a statement.

Ruffling feathers: The U.S. sanctioned Francesca Albanese for her efforts to prompt ICC action against U.S. and Israeli officials. AP

UN chief Antonio Guterres's spokesman insisted that "the imposition of sanctions on special rapporteurs is a dangerous precedent".

The use of unilateral sanctions against any UN expert or official "is unacceptable", spokesman Stephane Dujarric told reporters in New York.

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Wednesday announced that Washington was sanctioning Ms. Albanese "for her illegitimate and shameful efforts to prompt (ICC) action against U.S. and Israeli officials, companies, and executives".

Ms. Albanese said the sanctions were "calculated to weaken my mission". "I will continue to do what I have to do," she said during a visit to Slovenia.

Bangladesh tribunal indicts Hasina over deaths of protesters

Associated Press
DHAKA

A special tribunal indicted Bangladesh's ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Thursday by accepting charges of crimes against humanity filed against her in connection with a mass uprising in which hundreds of students were killed last year.

A three-member panel, headed by Justice Golam Mortuza Mozumder, indicted Ms. Hasina, former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan and former police chief Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun on five charges. Ms. Hasina and Mr. Khan are being tried in absentia. Ms. Hasina's Awami League party condemned the trial process and said the tribunal was a "kangaroo" court.

Sheikh Hasina

Mr. Al-Mamun, who was arrested and appeared before the panel on Thursday, pleaded guilty and told the tribunal that he would make a statement in favour of the prosecution at a later stage.

Chief Prosecutor Mohammad Tajul Islam later told reporters that Mr. Al-Mamun appealed to the judges to be an "approver."

Group flags rise in attacks against Dhaka minorities

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

In the first half of 2025, Bangladesh witnessed 258 incidents of violence against the minority communities, the largest minority organisation of Bangladesh said on Thursday. In a press conference in Dhaka, Bangladesh Hindu Bouddho Christian Oikyo Parishad said the interim government has not been able to stop violence against religious minority communities and that the inaction of the government has emboldened the miscreants carrying out these attacks. "Between August 4, 2024, and December 31, 2024, there were 2184 violent incidents targeting minority communities of Bangladesh," it said.

U.K., France strike migration deal, announce coalition for peacekeeping in Ukraine

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

The U.K. and France have announced a reciprocal returns agreement for migrants crossing the English Channel. The two countries, whose leaders, U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer and French President Emmanuel Macron, met at a Summit in London on Thursday, also announced that a peacekeeping force for Ukraine was ready for deployment, following any ceasefire between Ukraine and Russia.

Paris and London also, for the first time, would coordinate strategy on their nuclear deterrents. The announcements come following a major reset in ties between London and Paris, marked by Mr. Macron's three day state visit to the U.K.

The new migration pilot scheme will involve the U.K. returning to France, up to 50 individuals per week who cross the Channel illegally. In return, the U.K. will admit migrants on a one-for-one basis. These individuals will possibly have ties to the U.K., will be vetted and would not previously have tried to enter the U.K. illegally.

"We accept genuine asylum seekers because it is right that we offer a haven to those in most dire need," Mr. Starmer said at a press conference after the Summit, adding that it was also not practical to not cooperate with other countries on the issue of migration.

Mr. Starmer said the purpose of this pilot was to break the business model of people smuggling gangs. At present, there are about 800 people who arrive per week via 'small boats' crossing the English Channel from France.

United front: Keir Starmer, left, and Emmanuel Macron at a press conference in Northwood in London on Thursday. REUTERS

Mr. Macron repeatedly blamed Brexit for the lack of coordination on the issue of migration. "By leaving a legal black hole, Brexit became the problem," he said, arguing that the current arrangement was "pragmatic".

On Thursday, Mr. Starmer also announced that the "coalition of the willing" of peacekeeping forces in Ukraine was ready. "I am pleased to say that these plans are mature and we are putting them on a long-term footing," Mr. Starmer said during a conference call with allies, including Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Finer details

There are a total of 30 (mostly European) countries that are part of the coalition. Significantly, U.S. President Donald Trump's Ukraine envoy, Keith Kellogg and two U.S. Senators, Richard Blumenthal (Democrat) and Lindsey Graham (Republican) were on the call as per Downing Street. Mr. Trump had expressed his frustration with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday, as countries met in Rome to pledge money for Ukraine's recovery.

The new coalition would have headquarters in Paris, which will rotate to London after 12 months, with plans for a coordination cell in Kyiv. The coalition plans to provide logistic, armament and training experts to help regenerate Ukraine's land forces. The coalition will also assist the Ukrainian air force with "air policing" and will also help the Black Sea Task Force (of Romania, Bulgaria and Turkiye) with removing mines and securing transit to and from Ukrainian ports.

The countries also announced that they would be coordinating their nuclear deterrence as the only two nuclear powers in Europe and permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. The U.K., as a member of the nuclear planning group of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), participates in nuclear deterrence for Europe along with the U.S. France has, until now, maintained independence as far as its nuclear deterrent policy is concerned.

'No truth to reports of ouster of Pak. President'

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi rejected rumours regarding the possible ouster of President Asif Ali Zardari and termed it a "malicious campaign." Mr. Naqvi's statement was in reaction to speculation on social media platforms that Army chief Field Marshal Asim Munir was set to replace Mr. Zardari. "We are fully aware of who is behind the malicious campaign targeting President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and the chief of Army staff," Mr. Naqvi said on X, stopping short of naming anyone.

Russia keeps up its strikes on Kyiv, killing two persons

Associated Press
KYIV

Russia pounded Ukraine's capital with another major missile and drone attack overnight into Thursday, killing at least two persons and causing fires across Kyiv, a day after the heaviest drone attack so far in the more than three-year war, Ukrainian officials said. At least 22 people were wounded.

June brought the highest monthly civilian casualties, with 232 killed and 1,343 wounded, the UN human rights mission in Ukraine said, as Russia launched 10 times more drones and missiles than the same month last year.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA STATE
PUBLIC HEALTH & MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

NIT No. 07/SE/PH/WGL/RWBP/AMRUT-2.0/Spl. Tranche/ Recall again/2025-26/350 Dt:09-07-2025.

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Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids on electronic mode for the following Works against the following Enquiry Numbers on **Partial Turnkey basis.**

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PROLIFIC

Root becomes first batter to rack up 3000 Test runs against India

AFP

Joe Root became the first player to score 3,000 runs against India in the red-ball format. This is the third instance of a player making more than 3,000 runs against a single opponent in non-Ashes Tests after Gary Sobers (3,214 runs versus England) and Sachin Tendulkar (3,630 runs against Australia).

PRACTICE PAYS

Have been working hard on my bowling, reveals Nitish

PTI

I just want to be consistent in all areas. I've been working hard on my bowling for the last one or two years. I have realised that I have to believe in myself, because if you believe, that's when your hard work pays off — India all-rounder Nitish Kumar, who removed the England openers in quick succession on the opening day.

PICTURE PERFECT

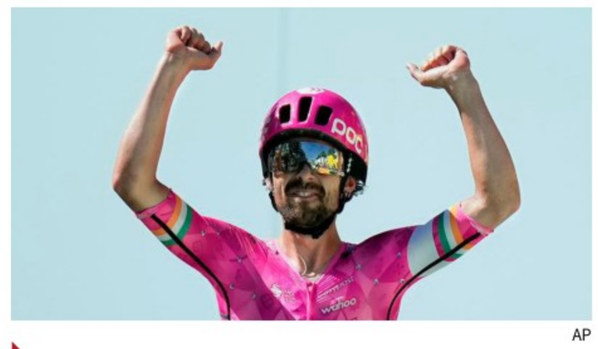
Tendulkar's portrait unveiled at MCC Museum at Lord's

PTI

Sachin Tendulkar's portrait was unveiled at the MCC Museum at Lord's on Thursday. It was painted by Stuart Pearson Wright from a photograph taken by the artist 18 years ago. "When I saw Kapil Dev lift the trophy that moment sparked my cricketing journey. With my portrait going up inside the Pavilion feels like it's come full circle."

SOLO RUN

Healy takes the sixth stage; van der Poel reclaims the yellow jersey



AP

Ireland's Ben Healy won stage six of the Tour de France in Normandy on Wednesday with a long solo break, as Mathieu van der Poel reclaimed the overall leader's yellow jersey by one second from defending champion Tadej Pogacar. Healy is the first Irish stage winner since Sam Bennett on the Champs Elysees in 2020.

Root stands firm as England makes steady progress

The No. 4 batter shares crucial partnerships with Pope and Stokes as the host overcomes early reverses; Nitish picks up two wickets; Jurel dons the big gloves after Pant injures finger

INDIA IN ENGLAND

Shayan Acharya
LONDON

By the time the teams reached the Lord's for the third Test on Thursday morning, the green top had received a bit of trimming. As the sun shone bright and a packed venue cheered for the home team, England captain Ben Stokes made a surprise decision - to bat first.

In sharp contrast to the Bazball philosophy of asking the opposition to bat first, especially at home, England showed an intention to change its plans from the previous two Tests of the series.

However, the challenging conditions demanded an old-school grind. England refrained from its popular template of scoring quickly, and eventually rode on Joe Root's flawless unbeaten 99 (191b, 9x4) to end the opening day at 251 for four.

Scoring wasn't easy as England crawled at three runs an over and having lost openers Ben Duckett and Zak Crawley early on, it was the 109-run stand for the third wicket between Root and Ollie Pope (44, 104b, 4x4) that allowed the host to mount a fightback.

Even though Pope fell soon after tea to Ravindra Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah cut short Harry Brook's innings, England ended the final session without any further losses as Root and Stokes added 79 runs.

With Bumrah back to bolster India's pace attack, replacing Prasidh Krishna, the first hour of play was tricky.

With some movement on offer for Bumrah and Akash Deep, the openers looked tentative before Nitish Kumar struck twice, in the space of three deliveries, to remove both.

Root and Pope led England's recovery as they slowly found their way throughout the session and a half. While Root, after a low-key outing in the previous Test in Birmingham, returned to form, bringing up his fifty, Pope rode his luck to forge a fighting partnership. Even though the run-rate dipped to 2.91 – England's second-slowest at home in the Bazball era, over an entire season, both the batters avoided further blows.

While the Indian bowlers struggled to find a breakthrough, Rishabh Pant going off the field, after a blow to his left index finger, added to its woes. Dhruv Jurel came on to keep wickets.

Root and Pope survived and rebuilt the innings, genuine edges fell short adding to the Indians' frustration. Pope had a reprieve when skipper Gill dropped a catch off Nitish in the 14th over.

With the ball deviating enough off the surface, England's false shot percentage in the first 15 overs was 38.4% - the highest for the first 15 overs of any Test innings in the country in nearly two decades.

India didn't really opt for the short-ball tactic too much. Even as Bumrah and Akash Deep failed to find the breakthrough, Nitish produced a magical opening over – getting Duckett when he attempted to pull one down the leg-side, and three deliveries later, a peach of an away-seamer to have Crawley caught behind.

England's scoring rate remained a tad slow throughout, but Root ensured that the team reached a comfortable position at close of play.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND — 1ST INNINGS
Zak Crawley c Pant b Nitish 18 *(43b, 4x4)*, Ben Duckett c Pant b Nitish 23 *(40b, 3x4)*, Ollie Pope c sub (Jurel) b Jadeja 44 *(104b, 4x4)*, Joe Root (batting) 99 *(191b, 9x4)*, Harry Brook b Bumrah 11 *(20b, 2x4)*, Ben Stokes (batting) 39 *(102b, 3x4)*; Extras (b-4, lb-11, nb-2): 17; Total (for four wkts. in 83 overs): 251.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-43 (Duckett, 13.3 overs), 2-44 (Crawley, 13.6), 3-153 (Pope, 49.1), 4-172 (Brook, 54.5).

INDIA BOWLING
Bumrah 18-3-35-1, Akash 17-2-75-0, Siraj 14-5-33-0, Nitish 14-0-46-2, Jadeja 10-1-26-1, Washington 10-1-21-0.

Toss: England.

Holding fort: Root defied the Indian bowlers to drive the host forward on day one. GETTY IMAGES

Anisimova pulls off a coup against Sabalenka; Swiatek brooks no resistance from Bencic

WIMBLEDON

N. Sudarshan
LONDON

It was at the 2019 French Open that Amanda Anisimova first gave a glimpse of her elite potential. As a 17-year-old, she beat defending champion Simona Halep in the quarters, then fought eventual winner Ash Barty over three pulsating sets before finishing as one of the youngest semifinalists in Roland-Garros history.

Six long years since that breakthrough moment, Anisimova, who has encountered personal tragedy in the form of her father's untimely death, multiple injuries and burnout, went one step further to reach the coveted Wimbledon final with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 victory over World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka on Thursday.

Hot conditions

Under baking-hot conditions on Centre Court, where more than one fan needed help and players themselves wrapped iced towels around their necks at every changeover, Anisimova stayed calm to edge the 2-hour, 37-minute slugfest.

In Saturday's summit clash, she will meet five-time Major titlist Iga Swiatek, who routed Switzerland's Belinda Bencic 6-2, 6-0.

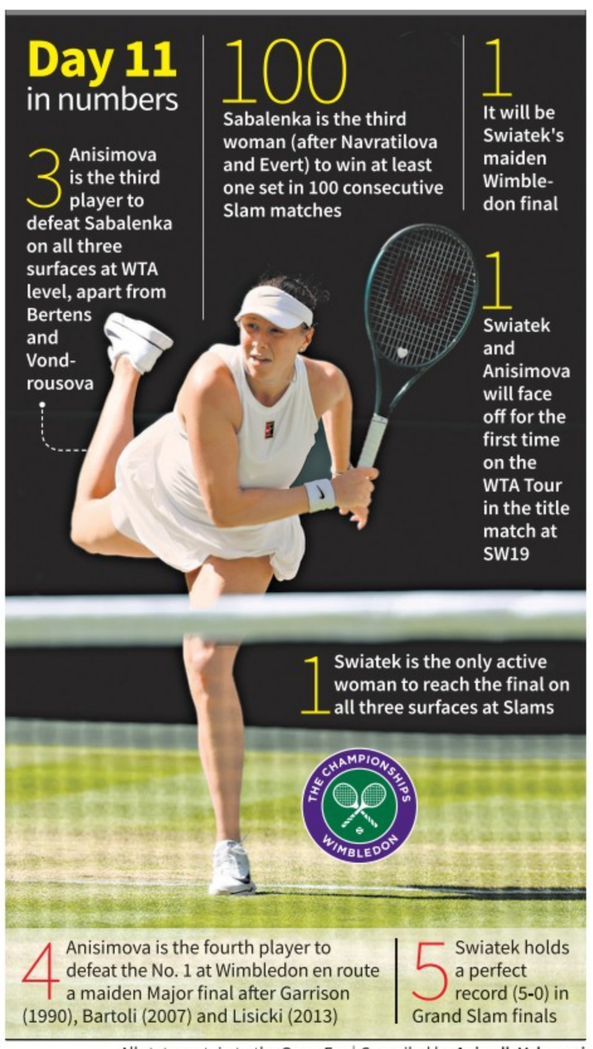
Anisimova, who returned to the Tour fully just over a year ago after recovering from mental health issues and physical frailties, is now the first American women's singles finalist at the All England Club since Serena Williams in 2019. The feat will also ensure a top-10 debut next week.

"It doesn't feel real," the 23-year-old said.

"If anyone had told me that I would be in the Wimbledon final, I would not have believed it. At least, not this soon.

"It has just been a year since returning. But it is a privilege and it is indescribable."

So was the match. It was up and down - like many Sabalenka fixtures of late - and there was never a phase wherein either player looked completely dialled in.



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Breezing through: Swiatek waltzed into the summit clash. AP

Under pressure

The Anisimova serve first came under pressure in the seventh game, but she warded off four break-points to hold, with a searing double-fisted down-the-line backhand erasing one of those. That appeared to charge the American up, and Sabalenka shrunk at 4-5, landing a double-fault on set-point.

In the second, Sabalenka again made the play in the middle of the set. This time, not only did she break but also consolidated to 5-3 from 0-30 down by putting together an effective array of strokes - a crunching forehand winner, an immaculate drop and an ace. A gutsy hold to 6-4 levelled matters.

When the Belarusian broke to open the third set, she seemed to have a clear shot at victory.

Anisimova, though, hit back and quickly led 4-1, playing some remarkable first-strike tennis.

Like Sabalenka's, it was powerful, but more easy on the eye.

The iron-fist-in-a-velvet-glove approach soon helped her hold to 5-2 from 15-30 down.

However, serving at 5-3, Anisimova fluffed her first match-point with a backhand error and saw her opponent get back on even terms. But with Sabalenka serving to stay in the contest, Anisimova relaxed and tried to marry her aggression with some precision.

She missed two more chances to close but executed a perfect whipped forehand winner into the corner to hand Sabalenka her third straight defeat at the hands of an American at a Slam.

Other result:
Boys doubles (quarterfinals): Amir Omarkhanov (Kaz) & Ego Pleshivtsev (Rus) bt Krish Tyagi (Ind) & Connor Doig (RSA) 6-4, 7-6(8).

Fascinating semifinal match-ups to whet the fans' appetite

N. Sudarshan
LONDON

Friday's men's singles semifinal line-up at Wimbledon is like an inter-generational household. There is the 38-year-old patriarch in Novak Djokovic, a 24-time Slam champion and seven-time titlist here.

There are the upstarts turned top dogs in Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner, 22 and 23, who have swept the last six Slams and eight of the previous 11.

Finally, there is a talented intermediate in 27-year-old Taylor Fritz, into his first semifinal at the All England Club and carrying the burden of becoming the first American singles winner at a Major since Andy Roddick (2003 US Open).

For those who feared that men's tennis would be wild and capricious following the retirements of Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, this is like a classic summer cocktail served on the rocks.

Of the two, the Alcaraz-Fritz match-up is more intriguing. The Spaniard and the American may not be quintessential grass-courters - are there any left? - but they are two of the best. They have met only once (excluding Laver Cup), a hard-court meeting that Alcaraz won at the 2023 Miami Masters.

However, they have accumulated significant grass pedigree since then. Alcaraz is a two-time defending champion at SW19 and has won Queen's Club twice.

Blockbusters: The Sinner-Djokovic and Alcaraz-Fritz contests promise plenty of thrill. AFP & REUTERS

Fritz has excelled a few rungs below (ATP 250), securing both Stuttgart and Eastbourne this year, and also Eastbourne in 2024, 2022 and 2019. A first meeting on the lawns will be exciting.

Having the edge

In contrast, the Djokovic-Sinner tie breeds familiarity. Sinner leads the rivalry 5-4, but the Italian's edge is bigger than it appears, for he has won their last four matches and five of the previous six. The most recent was the ruthless, straight-sets dismantling in the Roland-Garros semifinal.

Djokovic and Sinner have also met on grass, in consecutive Wimbledon editions in 2022 and 2023. In that first meeting, Sinner even had Djokovic on the ropes, going two-sets-to-love up, before losing.

Three years and three Grand Slam titles since, it is tough to see the World No. 1 blow such a lead, but much will depend on how his right elbow feels. He played Ben Shelton in Wednesday's quarterfinal with heavy bandaging. Djokovic himself had a nasty fall on match-point against Flavio Cobolli and reportedly cancelled Thursday's practice.

It will be a pity if both are not at their optimum levels, for nothing but the best can see them through.

INBRIEF

Arsenal signs midfielder Norgaard from Brentford

Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta said Christian Norgaard will bring "a wealth of experience" after signing for the Gunners from Brentford on Thursday. The 31-year-old Danish midfielder has joined for a reported initial £10 million fee plus a further £2 million in add-ons, according to *The Athletic*. Norgaard scored 13 times in 196 appearances for the Bees and was crucial to establishing Brentford as a Premier League club over the past four seasons.

Suraj bags 60kg gold in Asian U-20 wrestling

Suraj (60kg) won a gold medal, while Prince (82kg) and Naman (97kg) bagged a bronze apiece in Greco Roman competitions at the Asian under-20 wrestling championships in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on Thursday. Suraj, a former World under-17 gold medallist in 55kg, rallied to beat local favourite Erbol Ozgonov 3-3 via criteria in the final to claim the top honour. Indian Greco Roman wrestlers collected a gold, two silver and two bronze medals.

Steroids found in Reetika's sample

After a few days of uncertainty, it has been learnt that Paris Olympian wrestler Reetika Hooda, who was provisionally suspended for failing a dope test, returned a positive result for steroids. Even as news regarding Reetika's suspension hit the headlines, there was no clarity about the substances that resulted in the positive result. According to a reliable source, the heavyweight wrestler, a former World under-23 champion and a current Asian silver medallist, tested positive for 'androstane and etiocholanolone.' Reetika's sample was collected during the selection trials in Delhi on March 15.

Semenya gets a partial victory in legal battle

Two-time Olympic champion runner Caster Semenya won a partial victory at the European Court of Human Rights on Thursday in her seven-year legal fight against track and field's eligibility rules. The court said in a 15-2 vote that Semenya had some of her rights to a fair hearing violated at Switzerland's Supreme Court, where she had appealed against a ruling by the CAS in favor of World Athletics. Her case should now go back to the Swiss federal court in Lausanne.

No one to blame' for serious leg injury, says Musiala

Bayern Munich star Jamal Musiala said "there's no one to blame" for the left leg fracture he sustained in a tackle from Paris Saint-Germain goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma at the Club World Cup. The Germany star posted an update on Instagram on Wednesday, when he thanked people for their support after he fractured his fibula (bone in the lower leg) during Bayern's loss to PSG in the quarterfinals on Saturday.

Correa leaves Atletico after 10 years to join Tigres

Angel Correa is leaving Atletico Madrid after 10 years to join Tigres UANL in Mexico's Liga MX. Both clubs announced on Wednesday they had agreed a deal for the right winger. The 30-year-old Argentine scored 88 goals with 65 assists in 469 matches with Atletico, where he helped the team win the Spanish league title in the 2020-21 season.

LIVE TELECAST

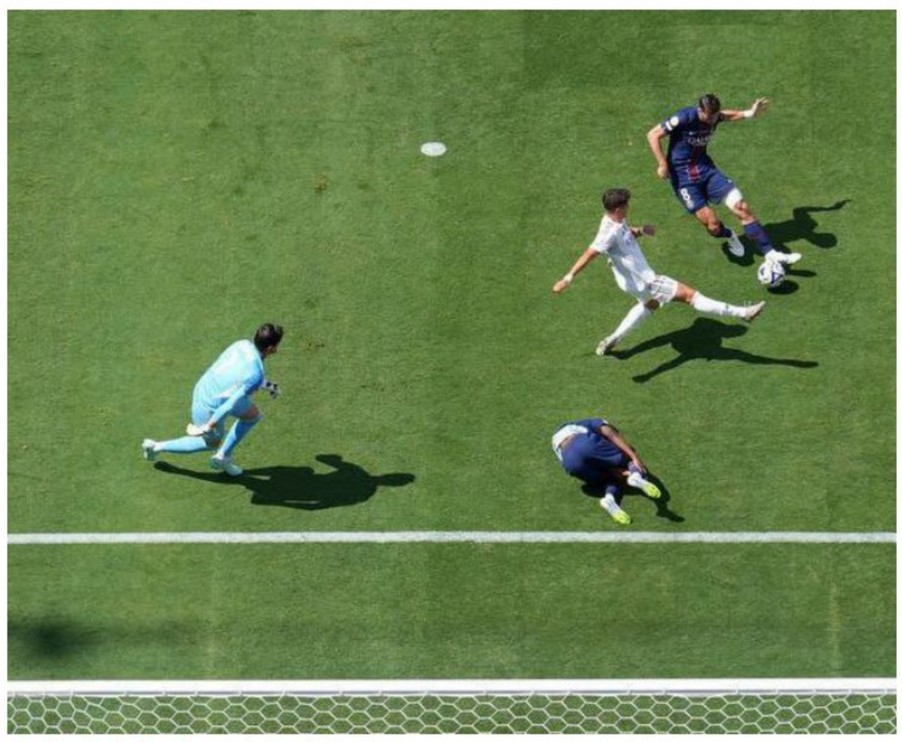
England vs India: 3rd Test, day 2, Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 3.30 p.m.

Wimbledon: Star Sports 1, SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 6.30 p.m.

West Indies vs Australia: 3rd Test, day 1, FanCode, 12 a.m. (Saturday)

PSG makes Real Madrid eat humble pie on way to Club World Cup final

Ruiz at the fore with a brace as the Parisians run riot; the European champion now eyes another title with Chelsea standing in its way



Setting the ball rolling: Ruiz fires in PSG's opener past a scrambling Real defence. REUTERS

FOOTBALL

Agence France-Presse
EAST RUTHERFORD

Fabian Ruiz scored twice as European champion Paris Saint-Germain turned on the style in its reunion with Kylian Mbappe on Wednesday, thrashing Real Madrid 4-0 in the semifinals of the Club World Cup to set up a final showdown with Chelsea.

Ruiz and Ousmane Dembele scored inside nine minutes to stun Real and silence the majority of the 77,542 crowd who were wearing white at the MetLife Stadium outside New York. The Spanish midfielder added another before half-time and Goncalo Ramos got a late fourth as Luis Enrique's side moved one game away from glory at FIFA's new tournament.

Victory against Chelsea on Sunday would complete a campaign of unparalleled success for the Parisians, who won the French title and then the first UEFA Champions League in their history in May.

After blowing away Inter Milan 5-0, the biggest victory in European Cup final history, PSG began its Club World Cup bid by putting four past Atletico Madrid and the ease with which it disposed of Real was striking.

PSG's fluidity contrasted starkly with Madrid, which is a work in progress under new coach Xabi Alonso.

Mbappe struggled to make any impact on his first start at the tournament and in his first game against PSG since leaving the French club last year.

The defeat is a blow to Real as it hoped to win the first 32-team Club World Cup to add to its record tally of 15 European cups.

PSG was without imposing centre-back Willian Pacho due to suspension following his sending-off against Bayern Munich in the quarterfinals, but that did not matter.

Lucas Beraldo slotted into the defence with ease, and the rest of PSG's first-choice line-up was there.

Real was missing central defender Dean Huijsen through suspension, while the absence of Trent Alexander-Arnold was an added blow.

The result: Paris Saint-Germain 4 (Ruiz 6, 24, Dembele 9, Ramos 87) bt Real Madrid 0.

Tamil Nadu holds Maharashtra; Karnataka defeats CBDT

HOCKEY

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

On target: Somanna (yellow jersey) scored the equaliser for Tamil Nadu against Maharahstra. R. RAGU

Defence held the centerstage in low-scoring matches on the opening day of the 96th MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup invitation hockey tournament at the SDAT-Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium here on Thursday.

Host Tamil Nadu held Maharashtra 1-1 in a Pool-A contest while Karnataka shut out Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) 2-1 in Pool-B.

Both the matches were engaging with fast breakthroughs, the defence and midfield in unision. But in the final third, the forwards kept striking a discordant note. More often than not, it was the defence that held strong.

Maharashtra opened the account against the host. Rohan Patil converted a penalty corner when his strike hit the middle of the net in the second quarter. An inconsistent Tamil Nadu struck back through star forward B.P. Somanna, whose grounder off a penalty corner went through the left leg of goalkeeper Shivratna Rasal in the third.

Little to separate

There was little to separate CBDT and Karnataka in the second and final match of the day. Both attacked with vigour and purpose, but faltered in the final third, till the second quarter.

As the match was heading for a climax, Rahul's backhand flick off a long corner in the dying minutes of the third quarter provided the needed spark for Karnataka. Bharath Mahalingappa's blistering penalty corner strike hit the right side of the roof in the fourth, which pretty much sealed the contest in Karnataka's favour.

The results:
Pool-A: HUTN 1 (B.P. Somanna 42) drew with Maharashtra 1 (Rohan Patil 15).
B: Karnataka 2 (C. J. Rahul 45, Bharath Mahalingappa 52) bt CBDT 1 (Pranam Gowda 56).

India to host shooting World Cup and junior World Championship

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

India has been given a World Cup to host in 2027 and the World Junior Championship in 2028, by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), as announced by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) on Thursday.

India is set to host the Junior World Cup in September this year. It will also host the Asian rifle and pistol championship in February next year.

The first ever Shooting League of India, featuring the best of shooters from around the world, competing in a novel format, is also scheduled to be hosted in Delhi in November this year.

"With the Los Angeles Olympics as our target, hosting at least one international event every year leading up to it is a tremendous opportunity for our shooters. It boosts the preparation of the senior athletes and gives juniors invaluable exposure to the atmosphere of elite competition at home.

"The launch of Shooting League adds an exciting dimension to our sport. We are committed to making India a global hub for shooting," said the president of NRAI, Kalikesh Singh Deo.

"India is now a key stop on the global shooting calendar. I thank the Government, the Sports Ministry, the Sports Authority of India and all our stakeholders for their unwavering support," said the secretary general of NRAI, Sultan Singh.

Indian recurve teams' campaign ends early

Sports Bureau

The Indian recurve men's and women's teams' campaign ended early after they lost their respective second-round matches at the Archery World Cup Stage-4 in Madrid on Thursday.

On the previous evening, B. Dhiraj and Ankita Bhakat emerged as the best Indians in individual qualifying rounds.

The results: Recurve: Qualifying round: Individual: Men: B. Dhiraj (13th, 674), Rahul (34th, 665), Neeraj Chauhan (35th, 664), Tarundeep Rai (42nd, 660); **Women:** Ankita Bhakat (15th, 660), Deepika Kumari (18th, 653), Gatha Khadake (25th, 647), Sharvari Shinde (48th, 629). **Team:** India (Men: 9th, 2003; Women: 4th, 1960; Mixed: 9th, 1334). **Elimination rounds: Team: Men:** India (Dhiraj, Rahul, Neeraj) bt Poland 6-2 (first round), lost to Brazil 2-6 (second round); **Women:** India (Ankita, Deepika, Gatha) got a bye (first round), lost to France 3-5 (second round).

Malaysian coach Saiful wants to give maximum exposure to his junior team

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

In his first stint as the head coach of the Malaysian National junior men's hockey team, Nor Saiful Zaini is pragmatic of his team's chances in the MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup, which commenced here on Thursday, and the FIH junior men's World Cup to be held in Chennai and Madurai from November 28 to December 10.

"We don't have any high hopes. Ours is an inexperienced and young bunch. It will be great if we make it to the knock-out stages of the MCC-Murugappa tournament, and I will be delighted if we maintain the 12th place finish that we did in the previous edition of the World Cup in 2023," Saiful told *The Hindu* here.

Running out of time

According to Saiful, the National team is running out of time. Since taking over in May this year, the 59-year-old has been keen to give maximum exposure and make it the best possible team.

Saiful. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

> We need time to build the team and require more exposure tours

"Before coming here, we had three months of strong preparation, playing against a top division club in Liaoning (China), coached by South Korea's top coach Kim Sang-ryul, at Dalian City.

"After Murugappa, we are going to Perth and will also compete in the Sultan of Johor Cup (from Oct. 10 to 18 at Johor Baru). And then may be train again in China," said the three-time Olympian.

Playing against senior players in the MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup will not be easy, said Saiful, but expressed confidence that his boys will put up a fight.

Placed in Pool-E with the Netherlands, England and Austria in the FIH junior men's World Cup, Malaysia will find it tough and Saiful admitted it as much.

"England and the Dutch are very strong teams. And some of the number two teams from other groups are also quite strong. We still try to finish 12th. We don't want to finish behind 16. It is going to be tough all the way, but I want my players to play modern hockey That's my philosophy," he said.

Having assisted other coaches of the Malaysian National junior team from 2016-20, Saiful knows what ails the game in his country. "We need time to build the team and require more exposure tours. In my six months (before the FIH junior men's World Cup), I can't do wonders. I want my boys to play their best," he said.

Talia beats Sahaja in pre-quarterfinals

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Third seed Talia Gibson of Australia beat Sahaja Yamalapalli 6-3, 6-4 in the pre-quarterfinals of the $200,000 WTA tennis in Newport, USA.

Sahaja won 15 WTA points and $3,533.

Other results:
Men: $200,000 Challenger, Newport: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Anirudh Chandrasekar & Reese Stalder (USA) bt Brandon Holt & Zachary Svajda (USA) 6-2, 6-2.
€181,250 Challenger, Braunschweig, Germany: Doubles: Quarterfinals: Vasil Kirkov (USA) & Bart Stevens (Ned) bt Sriram Balaji & Rithvik Bollipalli 6-7(6), 7-6(5), [10-5]. **Pre-quarterfinals:** Balaji & Rithvik bt Karol Drzewiecki (Pol) & Ray Ho (Tpe) 6-3, 6-2.
€54,000 Challenger, Nottingham: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Matteo Martineau & Arthur Reymond (Fra) bt Adil Kalyanpur & Divij Sharan 6-3, 6-3.
$30,000 ITF, Kassel, Germany: First round: Kirill Kivattsev bt Aryan Shah 6-4, 5-7, 7-5.
$15,000 ITF, Hillcrest, South Africa: Pre-quarterfinals: Digvijay Pratap Singh bt Hugo Pierre (Fra) 7-5 6-0.
Doubles: Quarterfinals: Aditya Balsekar & Daniil Sarksian (Arm) bt Aziz Ouakaa (Tun) & Billy Suarez (USA) 1-6, 6-4, [10-8].
Women: $40,000 ITF, Corroios-Seixal, Portugal: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Riya Bhatia & Elena Micic (Aus) bt Warona Mdlulwa & Wozuko Mdlulwa (RSA) 6-2, 6-2.
$30,000 ITF, Hillcrest: Pre-quarterfinals: Stephanie Visscher (Ned) bt Soha Sadiq 6-1, 6-3.
$30,000 ITF, Don Benito, Spain: Doubles: Quarterfinals: Esther Adeshina & Victoria Allen (GBR) bt Paula Redondo (Esp) & Madhurima Sawant 6-3, 6-2.
$15,000 ITF, Huamantla, Mexico: First round: Sabastiani Leon (Mex) bt Saumya Vig 6-1, 6-2.
Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Amanda Elkin & Ximena Senties (Mex) bt Gala Arangio (Arg) & Diva Bhatia 6-3, 3-6, [10-8].
Gabriella Mikaul (USA) & Emily Sartz-Lunde (Nor) bt Aashiyana Pallath & Ananya Hooli (Mex) 6-1, 6-2.
Jessica Gomez & Maria Navarro (Mex) bt Lucia Natal (Esp) & Saumya Vig 6-0, 6-3.
$15,000 ITF, San Diego: First round: Krisha Mahendran bt Camille Allegre (USA) 7-5, 6-3.
Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Camille Kis & Kaede Usui (USA) bt Jane Dunyon (USA) & Krisha Mahendran 2-6, 6-3, [10-4].

Another big victory for India-A men's hockey team

Press Trust of India
EINDHOVEN

The India-A men's hockey team continued its dominant run on the European tour, posting a crushing 6-0 defeat against Ireland here on Wednesday. This is the second successive win for India-A against Ireland, after the 6-1 victory in the tour opener.

Uttam Singh opened the scoring while captain Sanjay made it 2-0. Midfielder Mohammed Raheel Mouseen came up with back-to-back goals, followed by a stike each from Amandeep Lakra and Varun Kumar.

The team will next play France on Saturday.

Coach Shivendra Singh said the team will look to build on the fine performances against France.

"We've had two good matches against Ireland, and I'm happy with how the players are shaping up. We'll play France next and hopefully do well," he said.

Besides Ireland and France, India will also play England, Belgium and Netherlands over two weeks.

Women in Blue win first-ever T20I series in England

The spinners restrict England team to a modest total as Radha, Shree Charani star with the ball for India; half-century stand between openers Shafali, Smriti sets the tone for the chase

Spin is in: Radha put the brakes on the English batters with an incisive spell. GETTY IMAGES

INDIA IN ENGLAND

Press Trust of India
MANCHESTER

India scripted a landmark win, clinching its first-ever Women's T20I series triumph against England with a dominant six-wicket victory in the fourth match, led by a stellar show from its spinners.

India took an unassailable 3-1 lead in the five-match series, with the final game scheduled to be played in Birmingham on Saturday.

India had beaten England in a lone T20I match played in Derby in 2006. Since then, the 'Women in Blue' have fallen short in every women's T20I series against England, both at home and away.

Spin played a starring role in India's dominant win on Wednesday as Radha Yadav (two for 15), 20-year-old Shree Charani (two for 30), and Deepti Sharma (one for 29) combined to claim five wickets, restricting the hosts to a modest 126 for seven.

Openers Shafali Verma (32) and Smriti Mandhana (31) then put on a 56-run stand that laid the foundation for the win. The visitors overhauled the target with 18 balls to spare, capping a memorable evening.

The victory comes as a timely boost for India, helping it acclimatise to English conditions ahead of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup scheduled to be held here next year.

"We are really grateful that we were able to do this (series win). I'm really proud of my team the way we played this series. It was really important to get that momentum and I'm really happy the way we all contributed," said skipper Harmanpreet Kaur.

"We had very good camps back home before coming here. We worked on all our plans, accordingly we have executed everything here. Everybody knew their role and accordingly we all played."

Harmanpreet and Co. have been in red-hot form, having handed England a record-shattering 97-run defeat in the series-opener before sealing a 24-run win in Bristol, England women's first-ever T20I loss at the venue. The team lost the third T20I by five runs.

Electing to bat first, England found itself under early pressure as Indian spinners Radha and Deepti struck within the Power-Play, removing both the openers.

Tammy Beaumont, leading in the absence of the injured Nat Sciver-Brunt, briefly counterattacked with a 16-ball 20 that included three boundaries. But her stay was cut short by Radha, and five balls later, Shree Charani trapped Alice Capsey leg-before, leaving England wobbling at 93 for five.

India's bowlers were backed by a sharp fielding effort that squeezed England during the middle overs, keeping the hosts to a sub-par total.

With the bat, Shafali came out swinging, taking on the short-ball ploy with confidence and cracking six boundaries. Smriti too joined the charge, striking five fours of her own.

Though both openers fell in quick succession, the platform was well set.

Jemimah Rodrigues (24 not out) and Harmanpreet Kaur (26) steered India through a boundary-less phase between overs 8 to 14 to eventually take India to the win.

The scores: England 126/7 in 20 overs (Shree Charani 2/30, Radha Yadav 2/15) lost to India 127/4 in 17 overs (Smriti 32, Shafali 31). **PoM:** Radha.

We are going to dominate no matter what, says Radha

Associated Press
MANCHESTER

The desire to "create something big" played a pivotal role in India winning its first-ever women's T20I series against England, said Radha Yadav, who played a key part in the historic triumph with her spin bowling.

"The belief and the dedication this time is really different. I don't know about the past, but this time, this team, this atmosphere (it's) magical. We want to create something big going forward as well," said Radha,

"This (domination) is the path we want to go. Still a lot of things we have to correct; we have that in our minds. But, yeah, this is the different team and we are going to dominate no matter what.

"Batting has been really good, but bowling and fielding, we actually touched upon and it is showing us the result."

Radha named India-A skipper; Shreyanka and Titas in squad

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Off-spinner Shreyanka Patil and pacer Titas Sadhu continued to chart their way back from injuries and were included in the India-A squad to tour Australia for a multi-format series next month. Left-arm spinner Radha Yadav will lead the teams.

India will play three T20s, as many one-dayers and a four-day match.

Shreyanka has been absent from on-field action since last year's Women's T20 World Cup in the UAE with an unspecified injury.

Sadhu missed the tri-series in Sri Lanka, also involving South Africa, in April and did not travel to England for the ongoing white-ball tour as well because of an injury.

While Shreyanka's participation in the series against the Aussies will be subject to her getting clearance from the BCCI Centre of Excellence, Titas has obtained the same.

The squads: T20s: Radha Yadav (Capt.), Minnu Mani (vice-capt.), Shafali Verma, D. Vrinda, Sajana Sajeevan, Uma Chetry (wk), Raghvi Bist, Shreyanka Patil, Prema Rawat, Nandini Kashyap (wk), Tanuja Kanwer, Joshita VJ, Shabnam Shakeel, Saima Thakor and Titas Sadhu.
One-dayers and four-day: Radha Yadav (Capt.), Minnu Mani (vice-capt.), Shafali Verma, Tejal Hasabnis, Raghvi Bist, Tanushree Sarkar, Uma Chetry (wk), Priya Mishra, Tanuja Kanwer, Nandini Kashyap (wk), Dhara Gujjar, Joshita VJ, Shabnam Shakeel, Saima Thakor and Titas Sadhu.
The schedule: T20s: Aug. 7, 9 & 10 (all at Mackay); **One-dayers:** Aug. 13, 15 & 17 (Norths); **Four-day match:** Aug. 21-24, Albion (Brisbane).

Humpy, Harika, Vaishali, and Divya move into the third round

CHESS WORLD CUP

Press Trust of India
BATUMI (GEORGIA)

Indian Grandmaster Koneru Humpy played out an easy draw with Afruza Khamdamova of Uzbekistan to win her mini-match 1.5-0.5 in the second round while D. Harika beat compatriot P.V. Nandhidhaa to enter the last 32 of the FIDE Women's World Chess Cup on Thursday.

Humpy was always in control with her white pieces and at the same time saved her energy for the rounds ahead by settling for a draw.

Harika advanced in style as Nandhidhaa went all-in in a must win game. Harika, twice a bronze medallist in the event, just had to be herself to keep the white pieces away from causing any destruction and once that was done, Nandhidhaa became the second Indian after Kiran Manisha Mohanty to bow out of the event.

R. Vaishali also made it to the next round, defeating Ouellet Maili-Jade of Canada in another Indian victory of the day while Divya Deshmukh ousted Kesaria Mgeladze of Georgia.

K. Priyanka who sprang a surprise in the opening round,played out a second straight draw with Klaudia Kulon of Poland to reach the tiebreaker.

It was a little bit of a heartbreak for Vantika Agrawal who had won against former World champion Anna Ushenina of Ukraine in the first game as the latter struck back to level scores and will now play the tiebreaker.

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TENDER NOTICE

Tender NO: MTCIL/TENDER/ SUPPLY-OPGW/20

Maharashtra Transmission Communication Infrastructure Ltd (MTCIL), Mumbai, a joint venture (JV) company between Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd. and Sterlite Electric Ltd. (formerly known as Sterlite Power Transmission Limited). It has been formed with the objective of establishing OPGW cable-based Communication Network in Maharashtra on existing EHV transmission lines of MSETCL and will exploit the same commercially as a Telecom Infrastructure Provider.
MTCIL invites request for proposal from bidders for Supply of 144F & 96F OPGW Cable for 132kV to 400kV Transmission Lines in Maharashtra State.
Interested bidders may obtain the bid documents in person/ by courier / post by sending request letter at above mentioned address and a Bid document fee of Rs 10,000/- through DD in favor of "Maharashtra Transmission Communication Infrastructure Ltd " payable at Mumbai on or before 30th Jul 2025, 18.00 Hrs.

Scope of Work,	Qty in Km,	Date of Pre-bid Conference	Last date of seeking clarifications	Last date of Bid Submission
Supply of 144F and 96F OPGW Cable	528 Approx	16th Jul 2025 15.00 Hr	23rd Jul 2025 18.00 Hr	01st Aug 2025 14.00 Hr

Mumbai
11th Jul 2025
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Expression of Interest (EOI) for Grower Mobile Application Development

The CAMPCO Ltd. invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from experienced and reputed software development companies for the development of a "Grower Mobile Application" (Android & iOS), intended for CAMPCO shareholder-growers.

Eligibility Criteria: Vendors must have prior experience in developing and deploying mobile applications (Android & iOS), integrating with ERP/SQL-based systems, and handling secure and multilingual user applications.

Proposals must reach us on or before
Saturday, 19th July 2025 to email ID: **support@campco.org**

For more details visit at our website **www.campco.org** (Tender Page)

Place: Mangalore
Date: 09 .07.2025
sd/-
Managing Director

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur Hassan District.

Short Term Tender Notification No:06/2025-26
Date: 08.07.2025

The Executive Engineer, CNNL.,Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur-573120 Hassan Taluk Hassan Dist., As Per KC-4, invited Item rate Short term tender (Two covers) through K.P.P.Portal only vide No.06/2025-26 DT:08.07.2025 on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from the eligible contractors of Bidders/Firm /Company having labour license. Details-10 Manpower Supply work, approximate Maximun amount Rs.157.06Lakhs and minimum Rs.17.58Lakhs EMD as Prescribed in K.P.P.Portal, The contractor can have access e-tender documents from 10.07.2025 to 19.07.2025 through website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on payment (Non Refundable) of transaction fees as fixed by K.P.P.Portal (2)Opening of Technical bid (Cover-I) 21.07.2025 at 10.00 AM onwards. (if possible) (3)Cover-II (Financial bid) will be opened after approval of Technical bid from the competent authority. For further information etc., contact in the undersigned office during working hours or through website https://kppp.karnataka.gov. (Department).

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client is negotiating to purchase the Schedule Property from its present owner **Mrs. Anita Alm Pandeya**.
The owner represents that she has **lost/misplaced** the below mentioned original documents of the Schedule Property namely:-
(a) Possession Certificate Dated 27-08-1977, vide No.216/1977-78, issued by the BDA in favour of Mr. Syed Mukram Ali.
(b) Sale Deed Dated 10-09-1987, registered as Document No.1716/1987-88 of Book-I,Volume 2627,Page 26 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore executed by the BDA in favour of Mr. Syed Mukram Ali.
(c) Sale Deed Dated 22-09-2000, registered as Document No.2099/2000-01 of Book-I, in the Offie of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore executed by Mrs. Mazhar Sultana and others in favour of Mrs. Anita Alm Pandeya.
E-complaint for loss of documents has been lodged on 20-12-2024 and acknowledge has been issued bearing No.1391698/2024. Any person/s having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien or interest in respect of the Schedule Property or the said lost documents may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned along with documentary evidence in support of their claim **within 10 (Ten) Days** from the date of this publication, failing which, it will be presumed that the said Documents are lost and our Client will proceed with the transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **Property bearing BBMP E-Aasthi Khatha No.38, E-PIDNo.2537342363,** Situated **in 80 Feet Road, HAL 3rd Stage, Bangalore, measuring:-East to West : 80 Feet & North to South : 50 Feet, In all measuring 4000 Square Feet** together with a building constructed thereon and bounded on the:
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Place: Bangalore:
Dated: 11-07-2025

Govt. of Karnataka
Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, Bengaluru
(An Organisation of Government of Karnataka)
No.8, MSB-1, 6th & 7th Floor, Karnataka Marketing Federation Building, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru-560052.

No: KREIS/EE-2/Tender-7/2025-26 Date: 09.07.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Only)

The tenders have been invited for **Construction of Morarji Desai Residential School in Chikkaballapura and Ramanagara District, Repair works, Providing Borewell in the jurisdiction of KREIS (Tender Indent No. 627, 629, 268/call-2, 376/call-2, 535/call-2, 584, 545/call-2, 515, 594, 595, 251/call-3, 564, 563, 562, 561, 342 and 474/call-2)** through e-Portal vide website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on **09.07.2025.** The last date for receipt of tenders is **07.08.2025 and 23.07.2025** respectively. The details may be viewed at above website.
Note: Any changes in term tender notification will not be published in dailies. It will be published in e-Procurement portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer-2 KREIS
DIPR/CP/YC/1746/2025-26

(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri
No:EE/PWD/Dvn/JE-1/Tender/2025-26/567 Dated: 08.07.2025
Invitation For Short term Tender
Tender ref no:09/2025-26

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers, for the works. Total 09 Works (Madhugiri & Pavagada Taluk) Approx. amount for the work is Rs.201.90 Lakhs. Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPPP portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz.http://KPPP.gov.in.Tenders must be submitted through KPPP portal on or before 24-07-2025 (up to 4.00 pm), Technical bids will be opened on 25-07-2025 after 4.15 Pm, Financial bid will be opened on 28-07-2025 after 4.15 Pm. Further any other information can be seen from the KPPP portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri
DIPR/TUM/194/KSMCA/2025-26

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E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement only)

MIMS, Mandya, invited tender for supply of Liquid oxygen, Cleaning Staff (service Contract) & Printing Items from the Manfacture/Authorized Distributors / Suppliers to the MIMS Institution in Two Covers System as per the KTPP Act 1999 and Rules-2000.

Sl.No : 01. Tender Notification No : No:MIMS/Liquid oxygen/e-tender/16/2024-25 Date: 03.07.2025. Tender Particulars : Liquid oxygen. Approximate Cost (Rs. Lakh) : 200.00 Lakhs. EMD : 1.5%.

Sl.No : 02. Tender Notification No : No:MIMS/ Cleaning Staff/e-tender/17/2024-25 Date:03.07.2025. Tender Particulars : supply of Cleaning Staff (Service Contract). Approximate Cost (Rs. Lakh) : 296.00 Lakhs. EMD : 1.5%.

Sl.No : 03. Tender Notification No : No:MIMS/supply/Printing/e-tender/05/2024-25 Date:03.07.2025. Tender Particulars : supply of Printing items. Approximate Cost (Rs. Lakh) : 75.00 Lakhs. EMD : 2%.

Submission of e-Tender by paying Non Refundable fees Further details can be obtained from website: https.kppp.karnataka.gov.in More details may be obtained from the MIMS Office during working hours. (Except General Holiday's).

Sd/-Director, Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences, Mandya
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BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

No.: BDA/EE-South/Work-Tn-02/2025-26 Date: 10.07.2025

NOTICE INVITING SHORT-TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Item Rate Tender Under Two Cover System)
(Through GoK e-Procurement platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

On behalf of the Commissioner, BDA, Bengaluru, The Executive Engineer, South Division, BDA Complex, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru invites Tenders on Item Rate Basis from Class 1 Contractors, Individual Firms, Partnership Firms, Company, Public Sector Undertakings registered with BDA, KPWD, CPWD, MES, NHAI, and Railways, having suitable Technical, Financial and Managerial Capabilities satisfying the Minimum Eligibility Criteria for the below mentioned works. Name of Work: **Balance Asphalting works to roads and drain work to internal roads in BDA Banashankari 6th Stage 1st Block, 2nd Block and 3rd Block, BDA Layout in South Division, BDA, Bengaluru South District. Indent No: BDA/2024-25/OW/RK_Indent133.** Approx cost put to tender: **Rs. 1500.00 lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 15.00 lakhs.** Time for Completion: **6 Months (including Monsoon).** Last Date for submission of tenders: **30.07.2025.** For further details log on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact e-procurement helpline 080-25501216 / 25501217

Sd/- Executive Engineer, South Division, BDA, Bengaluru

ZILLA PANCHAYATH, TUMKUR
RURAL DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION DIVISION TUMKUR

NO. 07/EE/RDWS&SD/TMK/MVSO&M/AE-5/1070/2025-26 Date: 04-07-2025

Short term tender notification

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division Tumkur has Invites request for proposal tenders from the eligible bidders for the Two Cover work detailed in the table below. Tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTPP act shall be followed. The tenders are Required submit through Karnataka Public Procurement mode through portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)** from Class-III & above PWD Registered Contractors who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following MVS O&M Works of Tumkur Taluk of Tumkur Dist. As per the schedule given below. (Minimum Tender Amount **Rs. 55.14 Lakhs** EMD Amount **Rs. 1,10,280/-** and Maximum Tender Amount **Rs. 151.28 Lakhs** EMD Amount **Rs. 2,26,920/-**)

Sl. No	Particulars	Details
1	Last date of submit bids on Karnataka Public Procurement portal	**24-07-2025 Upto 5.00 PM**
2	Pre Bid Meeting	**Date: 21-07-2025 at 11.00 A M Venue, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division Tumkur**
3	Technical Opening of Bids	**25-07-2025 at 5.30 PM onwards**
4	Financial Opening of Bids	**30-07-2025 at 5.30 PM onwards**

For further particulars/details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the website **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
RDW&S, Divison, TUMKUR
DIPR/TUM/RO-59/25-26/Oysters

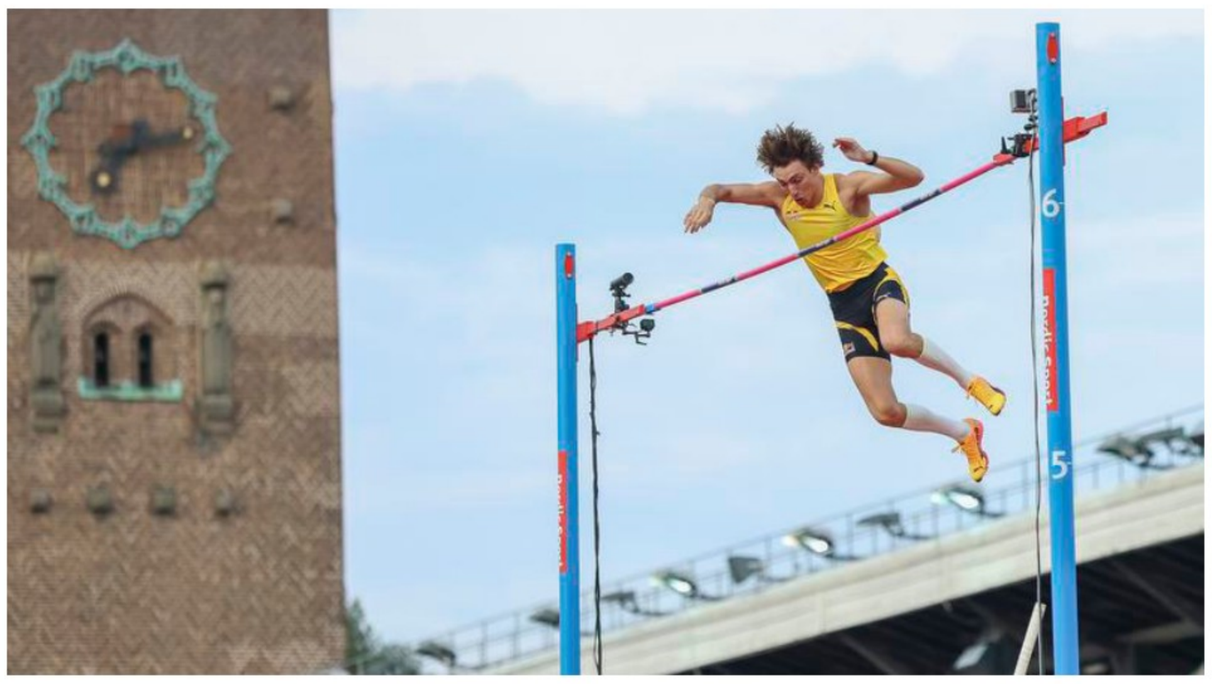
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA

No.EE:PWD:CTA:JE-1:Tender-19:2025-26 Dated:- 09.07.2025

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through KPPP Portal as per standard tender documents rules.
Name of work:- Two cover System :- Head of Account 5054-03-337-0-17-154 SH Improvements:-(1) Improvements and Asphalting to NH-48 to Mucchanuru road via N.Baligatte, Hirekabbigere, Adavigollarahalli, Issamudra Hosahatti, Kalgere, Kogunde, Mucchanuru at Challakere Constituency in Chitradurga Taluk (Working Ch 3.152 to 7.00 Km) (WI.19332)/ Call-3 **Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs400.00**
Tenders dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 23-07-2025 Time: 17.30
Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 24-07-2025 Time: 16.00
Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 25-07-2025 Time: 16.15
Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 28-07-2025 Time: 11.00
Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 204/2025-26
Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD, Chitradurga.



Business as usual: Duplantis is focused on staying in the present and giving his best. GETTY IMAGES

Duplantis unfazed by the late Worlds at Tokyo

The champion vaulter says it is a 'super physical event' and one has to be in prime shape

ATHLETICS

Agence France-Presse
MONACO

Armand 'Mondo' Duplantis insisted on Thursday that he was unfazed by the lateness of the World Championships in Tokyo, the September 13-21 event bringing the curtain down on a gruelling season.

The championships are generally held in August, with the exception of the 2019 edition in Doha, where it was pushed back to the last week of September in a bid to beat the suffocating heat in the Gulf state.

"I usually get better as the season goes on," maintained Duplantis, calling the worlds the "peak".

"I've had a lot of my best competitions in September, in the middle of September, like when we're going to have the World championships."

The Worlds, Duplantis added, were a "super physical event".

"You have to be physically primed. But also it's very technical, and it's very specific timing that you have to have in feeling with the pole.

"So competitions are very necessary, and you need that to be really sharp and on point on everything.

"So I still have a nice series of competitions leading up to it, but of course I want the peak to be Tokyo," he said, adding he would take four weeks off after Monaco before re-focusing on the latter end of the season.

"I feel like I have a little something bubbling to prove here," said the 25-year-old, adding he would be targeting the meet record of 6.02m at the Stade Louis II.

"I want to have every meeting record, I guess, and I feel that this is one of the ones that is missing."

Wherever and whenever Duplantis competes, the weight of expectation is for another tilt at a world record.

That currently stands at 6.28m, Duplantis having delighted a home crowd in Stockholm three weeks ago, the 12th time he has improved the world record.

"I take what the day gives me because I feel like when I'm in good shape and everything lines up, I have good conditions and a lot of the controllables from my side line up, I have the confidence that I'm capable of it on the given day if the form's there," he said.

"If it's good conditions and I feel good physically and feel like I have a good rhythm on the runway then I feel like I go into almost every competition with that mentality that I'm trying to at least attempt or push the world record.

Indian Open para athletics meet from today

Press Trust of India
BENGALURU

Two-time Paralympic gold-medallist javelin thrower Sumit Antil will headline the Indian Open para athletics championships, the final qualifying event for September's World championships, beginning at the Kanteerava Stadium here on Friday.

Over 262 athletes will vie for honours at the two-day championship which will serve as the final selection platform for the Indian contingent heading to the World Para Athletics Championships in New Delhi.

Praveen Kumar (high jump, T44), two-time Paralympic silver medallist Yogesh Kathuniya (discus, F56) Dharambir Nain (club throw, F51), Rinku Hooda (javelin, F46), and Simran (100m & 200m, T12) will be in action.

Celebration

"The 7th Indian Open Para Athletics Championship is more than just a competition – it is a celebration of resilience, excellence, and national pride.

"As we prepare for the New Delhi 2025 World Championships, this event plays a pivotal role in finalising the athletes who will carry India's hopes on the global stage.

"I wish every athlete the very best and look forward to witnessing their incredible talent on display," Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) President Devendra Jhajharia said.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Bonanza awaits the winner of Zavaray S. Poonawalla Bangalore Summer Derby

The Zavaray S. Poonawalla Bangalore Summer Derby to be run on Sunday (July 13) will feature 10 colts & geldings and six fillies. Briefing the media, R. Manjunath Ramesh, chairman & senior steward of the Bangalore Turf Club, said a total stake of ₹2.5 crore is on offer for the blue riband event with the winning owner taking home a rich purse of little over ₹1.22 crore and a trophy valued at ₹1.5 lakh. Replicas valued 50,000 each will be given away to the winning trainer, jockey and breeder.

Big day beckons: BTC's C.A. Prashanth, C. Mahesh Medappa, R. Manjunath Ramesh (chairman), K. Harish Nayak and K. Nagaraju at the announcement of the Summer Derby. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Shishir and Madhav slam centuries

Shishir Bhavane (120) and P. Madhav Bajaj (102 n.o.) starred for Jawans CC against Century Cricketers in the KSCA Group I, Division I league.

The scores: Group I, Division I: Jawans 271 in 61.4 overs (Shivam Singh 37, Harshil 70, S. Toufeeq 49, Mitrakant Singh Yadav 3/62, Adhoksh 5/89) drew with Century Cricketers 330/7 in 76.2 overs (Rishav Appachu Manavatira 52, Shishir Bhavane 120, C.A. Karthik 32, P. Madhav Bajaj 102 n.o., Nithin Shanthaveri 3/65).

Vijaya 251 in 67 overs (Tushar Singh 83, Vidyadhar Patil 53, N. Samarth 30, S. Shreesha Achar 4/82) & 61/2 in 12 overs drew with Bangalore Occasionals 252/9 in 62 overs (Suraj Ahuja 103, Rajvir Wadhwa 30, N. Samarth 6/72).

Swastic Union (2) 151 in 37.1 overs (M.D. Taha 50, L. Manvanth Kumar 36, K. Gourav 3/57, Shubhang Hegde 5/17) & 119/1 in 15.5 overs (M.D. Taha 55 n.o., L. Manvanth Kumar 54 n.o.) drew with Cambridge 317/8 in 74.1 overs (R. Suhas 40, Macneil Hadley Noronha 39, Shubhang Hegde 58, A. Abhay Rangan 55, V. Uttam Gowda 39, Hardik Raj 3/109, Mohsin Khan 3/84).

Herons 262 in 79 overs (Faizan Khan 109, M.R. Jayanth 79, Dhanush Gowda 3/29, Abhishek Ahlawat 3/66) drew with Vultures 264/9 in 70.3 overs (K.P. Karthikeya 87, Manikanth Shivanand 34, Kruthik Krishna 92, K.M. Pravesh 3/51).

Bangalore United (1) 249 in 80.5 overs (M. Venkatesh 45, S. Kishan Bedare 50, Liyan Khan 67 n.o., S. Punith 4/76, Kushaal Mahesh Wadhwani 4/74) drew with Sir Syed Cricketers 328/5 in 66.1 overs (Rahul Prasanna 84, Arnav Mishra 69, B.A. Mohith 94, Luvnith Sisodia 62, A.C. Rohith Kumar 3/100).

Rajajinagar Cricketers 166 in 52.2 overs (C. Sanjay Ashwin 36, Sireesh Balgaar 31, Gowtham Sagar 4/30) & 136 in 62 overs (C. Sanjay Ashwin 31, Dhuri 40, S. Suraj 4/30) lost to Coles 292/9 in 51.1 overs (Sagar Solanki 97, Mayank Agarawal 87, Maribasava Gowda 5/89) & 16/1 in 1.4 overs.

Group I, Division II: Jayanagar Cricketers 293 in 77.5 overs (Sean Pratyush Cyril 30, M. Saharsh Reddy 31, Sourab Muttur 116, Eshwar Nayak 46, Dhyaan Mahesh Hiremath 8/112) drew with Jawahar Sports Club (1) 94 in 45.3 overs (Suhas Purushotham 4/23, Shimon Luiz 3/16) & 41/1 in 28 overs.

Visweswarapuram (1) 285 in 77 overs (Nishith Raj 31, R.G. More 40, Harmain 63, Hriddhiman Basu 44, M.B. Darshan 3/69, Goutham Mishra 3/54) drew with Mount Joy 311/6 in 83 overs (Sudeep Sateri 41, R. Chirag Nayak 42, Samarth Srinivas 128).

Visweswarapuram (2) 252 in 74.3 overs (Ansh Aima 55, Diwakar Shankar 42, A. Pavan Kumar 33, H.R. Omkar 55, H.P. Abhishek 4/83) drew with Chintamani Sports Association, 188 in 61.2 overs (Aaron Cyril Christie 43, Anas Sheikh 41, Manoj Maruthi 38, Ansh Aima 3/38, G. Phanni Sai Chandra 3/49).

Palar 239 in 78.2 overs (Shreyas 31, Preetesh 68, Vinayak Holla 3/66, D. Bharath 6/42) drew with The Bangalore Cricketers 178 in 66 overs (M. Tanush 36, D. Bharath 36 n.o.).

Modern 224 in 53 overs (Praneeth Shetty 38, M.K. Yashwanth 32, Shubham Kumar Sinha 40, Lakshan 33, S.K. Rathod 3/64, Kushal Gouda 4/43) & 147/3 in 26.3 overs (Talha Sheriff 83 n.o., J. Sukruth 32 n.o.) bt Engrades 119 in 29.1 overs (Hemanth Patil 38, Shubham Kumar Sinha 4/21, Lakshan 5/45) & 250 in 63.5 overs (Rupak 52, T. Chiranjeevi 35, S.K. Rathod 57, Surendra Rathore 4/65).

Friends Union (1) 258 in 79.4 overs (B.U. Shivakumar 86, R. Pranav Babu 57, I.G. Anil 31 n.o., Tejas Reddy 3/42, Manik Raj 5/89) drew with Malleswaram Gymkhana 68 in 44 overs (B.U. Shivakumar 4/24, Rajendra Danganavar 3/6) & 113/1 in 42 overs (Gyan Somaiah 30, M. Rohan Yareshmi 53 n.o.).

Jawahar (2) 212 in 72.2 overs (S. Manjunath 35, Pradyumna Srivatsa 35, R. Ajith 47, Jay Desai 49, Ismail Mohtesham 3/58, S. Sujay Kulkarni 3/37) & 71/5 in 20 overs (D. Dhruv Nayak 3/19) drew with Jupiter Cricketers Association 262 in 69.2 overs (V. Lokaksha 70, M. Tanshh Krishna 50, N.S. Sachin 4/71, Jay Desai 3/72).

Minerva 103 in 40.1 overs (M. Keerthi 3/28, P. Aevant Khothari 4/34) & 170 in 75.4 overs (S. Nithish Gowda 39, Jairam Srinivas 31, B. Vineeth 6/33) lost to Dooravani Cricketers (1) 200 in 49.2 overs (K. Krishna Kapil 53, Karna Surya Vamshi 33, B. Vineeth 31, P. Aevant Khothari 37, J. Karthik 3/48) & 76/1 in 8 overs (Karna Surya Vamshi 37 n.o.).

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